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Hospitals get their money

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The provincial government will give Haliburton County \$6.5-million to build new healthcare facilities and upgrade Hyland Crest.

At the same time, it is putting the reigns of control in local hands, promising to help form a local board which will oversee the operation of all healthcare facilities.

But while it's giving the county

more freedom, the province is also ensuring that the Ministry of Health retains some of its old powers. There are a few strings attached to the funding announcement, and those strings are very binding.

The announcement was made at Tuesday's meeting of the Haliburton County Planning and Development Committee in Minden. Ministry staff said there are three essential rules about how the money can be used:

■ But there are strings attached as the province retains some control over where the beds will go and asks the public to chip in an additional \$4-million

- 30 long-term care beds must be built in Haliburton Village. Apart from any other concerns, there is a legal responsibility: the \$600,000 raised in a public fundraising drive was specifically

earmarked for long-term beds at the Haliburton Hospital

- Both Minden and Haliburton must have emergency facilities. Minden services the busy Highway 35 corridor and Haliburton services the eastern side of the county, and numbers obviously warrant each community maintaining its emergency facilities, especially in the summer

- There can only be one acute care facility in the county. The

Ministry "cannot validate inpatient services on two sites within such close proximity," said David Thomas, who made the announcement. The main concern is the inefficiency of running the two smallest hospitals in the province at a time when operating dollars are being reduced. The county can have 19 beds (nine existing beds in Minden plus 10 in Haliburton) or reduce the number, but the ceiling is 19 beds.

In essence, the Ministry is endorsing Option 2 of the Coulson report, which was also endorsed by the planning and development committee. That option recommends building the 30 new beds in Haliburton, upgrading the Haliburton hospi-

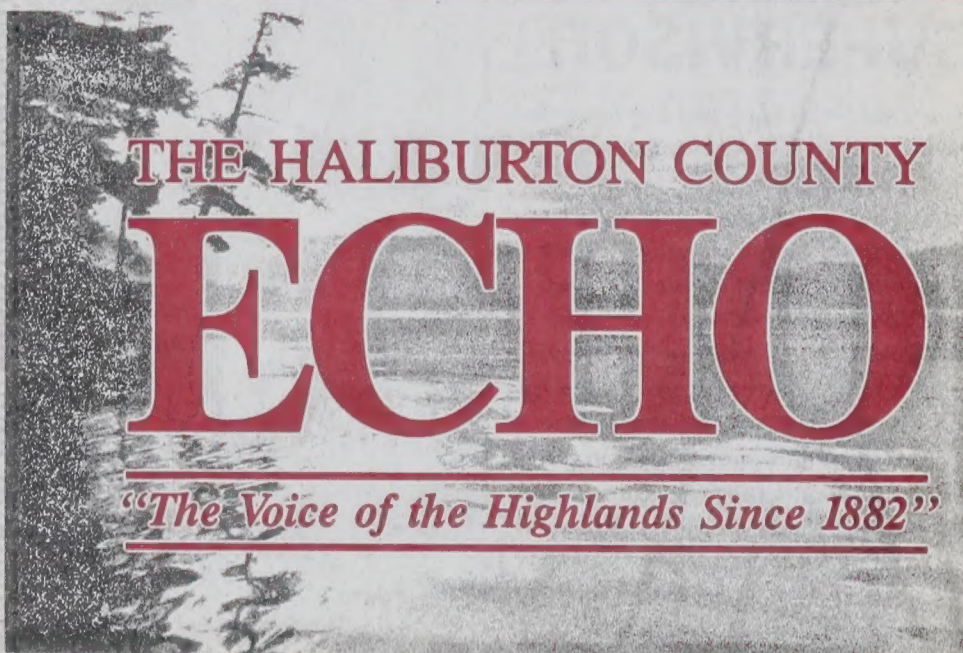
tal, moving the Minden hospital to the Hyland Crest site and upgrading Hyland Crest, which no longer complies to Ministry standards.

And other than those three provisions, the yet-to-be-formed board would decide how and where to spend the money. "We recognize the need for the community and county to be responsible and accountable for their decisions," Thomas said of the importance of the local board. As to how the money will be spent, "there will have to be some choices made. There's some work cut out here."

The committee's first concern was that in order to access the \$6.5-million, the county will

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Two camps will face-off in selection of county warden

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

For the first time in recent memory the election of a county warden is being contested publicly. Sherborne et al Reeve Ross Rabjohn and Lutterworth Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon will both seek the one year post at tonight's inaugural meeting.

County council will select the warden by secret ballot and the vote is expected to be close.

McMahon failed to keep a scheduled appointment with the Echo to discuss his candidacy and outline his plans for the county's future.

But Rabjohn said the contest was a direct reflection of the divisions that have surfaced in coun-

ty politics in recent months.

"There's a very conservative group that feels because funding isn't there, everything has to stop. I don't agree with that. I'm for being very positive, not throwing up our hands because there's no money."

Rabjohn said the county has to find creative ways to move forward and deal with some of the issues dogging the county.

The two-man race is a continuation of the debates that have raged in council meetings for the

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FACING THE MUSIC: St. Joseph's Hospital Chief Executive Officer Frank Lussing (right) and chairman Mel Johnson (with administrator Marlene Taylor and Minden trustee Rheta Jones in Haliburton) faced some tough questions in public meetings last week on the fate of the two local hospitals.

Minden residents query motives of St. Joseph's

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

Heckling, derisive laughter and even an occasional obscenity greeted executives from St. Joseph's Hospital speaking at a

public meeting in Minden on Thursday night.

Mel Johnson, chairman of the St. Joseph's board, and chief executive officer Frank Lussing came to discuss their plans to increase local involvement in St.

Joseph's operation of the Minden and Haliburton hospitals.

Instead, they were the subjects of a virulent attack from an audience that questioned the integrity of their bookkeeping and their commitment to maintaining health services in Minden.

Lussing, who was the focus of much of the anger, was shouted down on numerous occasions.

After he had answered a question about operating costs a man in the audience yelled "That's a lot of bullshit."

The remark was greeted by laughter from some of the crowd of 150 people who jammed into the auditorium at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home.

At another point in the discussion on hospital finances, local doctor Stephen Dawson, who had already asked a question, snatched the microphone out of the hands of Minden's board representative Rheta Jones (who was chairing the meeting) to challenge the answer Lussing had given him.

Long-standing distrust of the parent hospital had been intensified by an announcement from the Ministry of Health on Tuesday. It said that acute care services in the county must be consolidated in one hospital as part of a major hospital improvement project (see story page 1).

That persuaded many people in the Minden community that Haliburton hospital would get the acute care service and Minden

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Christmas brings changes to Echo deadlines

The timing of Christmas and work schedules at our printing plant mean that for the next two weeks, The Echo's deadlines will be a little different than usual.

Next week's Echo, including our annual Christmas Greeting supplement, will go to press Sunday night and be available on Monday, December 20. The deadline for display and classified advertising will be one day earlier than usual, THURSDAY, December 16.

The following week's issue will appear on Wednesday, December 29, but will be completed before Christmas, and that means an advertising deadline of WEDNESDAY, December 22.

The Echo office will be closed Friday, December 22, Monday, December 27, and Tuesday, December 28. Our normal deadlines will apply for the first issue in January.

We apologize for any inconvenience these altered deadlines may cause, and thank you for your co operation.

THE ECHO STAFF

HAVE WE MET BEFORE?



WHAT A FUNNY MAN! Grant Waymouth of Harcourt was obviously enjoying Santa's visit to the Monmouth fire hall on Saturday afternoon. After telling the bearded one what he wanted for Christmas, Grant got a bag of candy and some pop from the firemen, who sponsor the annual visit for area children.

This week

Warden's position contested

Divisions on county council prompt two to seek post tonight

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last few months.

"There have been two or three meaningful votes in recent weeks," said Anson, Hindon, Minden Reeve Bern Berry, who said the contest for warden was healthy for the county.

Three of the most contentious issues are waste management, an official plan and the hiring of a chief administrative officer.

In a 13-6 vote in August councillors voted to hire a new chief administrative officer, but the continued dispute over the plan has stalled a hiring. The county's top administrative position has now been vacant for six months.

Berry voted against the hiring because he said the county couldn't afford a high priced C.A.O. (The position pays more than \$60,000 a year). Some councillors see the alternative, a clerk-treasurer, as a dilution of county power and influence. Snowdon Reeve George Simmons said it was important to hire a strong C.A.O. who could give the county a clear direction.

As chairman of the waste management steering committee, Rabjohn has spoken in favour of a stronger county council. But some municipalities are reluctant to let the county take over their landfill sites and have opposed development of a county-wide plan. Rabjohn continues to work for the co-operation of the municipalities to install a package of waste management programs.

A motion to shut down the planning department, and with it the waste management plan, was defeated in a close vote in October.

Again the divisions are between those who say money has been

wasted on a department that has failed to produce an official plan, and those who say an official plan is vital to the development of the county.

"We've started a process here over the past two years to streamline the county and develop a strong, efficient county government," said Rabjohn. "We need an official plan, we need a waste management plan and we need to continue those initiatives."

Berry predicted the county would have a deficit this year, that the province was reducing funding for waste management programs and there were only a few areas where cuts could be made by the county.

"I think it's unfortunate, but we're looking at double-digit tax increases unless waste management and the official plan are cut."

Rabjohn said he knew funding was a problem but didn't think the county should stagnate because of it.

"We can't have great tax increases, but we can move ahead slowly."

The lack of an official plan and a waste management program have been issues for years in Haliburton County. Councillors serve three years but the revolving chair at the head of the council table can mean slow progress on important issues.

Other municipal governments faced the same problems and some of them have dealt with them by extending the warden's term of office.

Sharon McCrae just finished her second term as warden of Victoria County and is now seeking the Liberal nomination for the riding's provincial seat.

She said there are benefits to

having continuity at the top.

"I definitely feel every warden who sits in the chair sees how quickly the year has gone. You need so much background and experience to be effective."

She said the most important benefit was familiarity with the province, which controls so much of the county's funding.

"You've already made professional links with the ministers (in the first term). You're not quite as intimidated and of course the important part is you can say 'Hey, I met you on this issue last year. When are you going to address it?'"

In Peterborough County Warden Gary Stewart is beginning an unprecedented third term.

Stewart said his involvement in restructuring municipal government, a new official plan, and a waste management program were all persuasive reasons for his council to vote him in for a third term.

(Peterborough has 35 county council members for its 14 townships and 4 villages. Haliburton has 17 for its 10 municipalities).

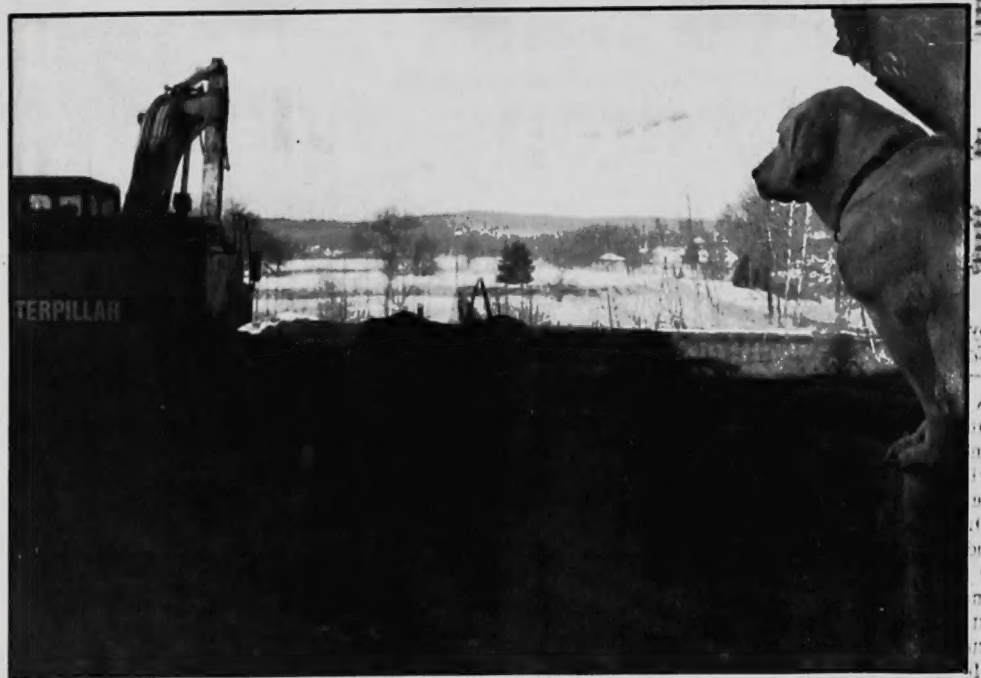
He is paid \$28,000 a year to serve as warden. Victoria County pays its warden \$47,100 and it's considered to be a full-time job.

Haliburton's warden is paid a nominal sum of less than \$3,000 a year.

Stewart said he didn't think the warden's job in Peterborough would become full-time in the near future but the county "is trying to look at it in a business like fashion."

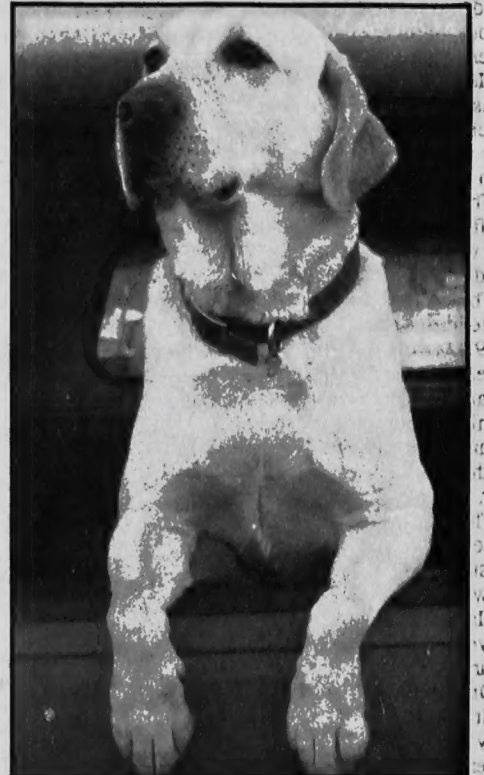
"You've got to have a long-range plan and vision," said Stewart.

The candidates will make their pitch at the selection meeting at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home tonight at 7 p.m..



HIS MASTER'S SUPERVISOR

Sonny the Golden Lab was keeping a close eye on things on Wednesday morning. His owner, Robert Kollaard, is an environmental consultant based in Markham and was in Haliburton to oversee the excavation of the former Youngdale Fuel site on York Street. Sonny was overseeing Mr. Kollaard, who says that Sonny is often the most popular worker on a site. Imperial Oil is paying to test the soil and remove it if it's contaminated and then the property will revert back to the municipality of Dysart. Youngdale's is now located across the street in the Dawson Gray building.



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This week

Judge drops Hyland Crest perjury charge

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A judge has quashed the commitment for trial of Phyllis Hiltz-Bontje, the director of nursing at Hyland Crest who had been charged with perjury.

On Wednesday afternoon in Lindsay's General Division court, the judge said there was no evidence with which a properly instructed jury could find the accused guilty.

"It was terrific," Hiltz-Bontje told the Echo. "I'm kind of in shock because that part of it is over. I'm pretty excited about it."

Her Toronto lawyer, Alan Gold, was also very happy with the decision. "I'm very pleased for her personally and for the home. I'm glad it stopped here."

The crown attorney has 30 days to file an appeal, but he indicated he wouldn't be doing so, Gold said.

The charges stem from a competency hearing in September, 1992 for a resident of Hyland Crest. Lorne Fry, who was 86 years old at the time and has senile dementia, had been charged the previous Christmas with assault against a staff member.

The hearing was to determine whether Mr. Fry was competent to stand trial. The answer was no. It was ordered that he remain at Hyland Crest and that there be a psychiatric assessment once a year.

During the hearing, however, Hiltz-Bontje testified about Mr. Fry's behaviour at the home. There had been a list of incidents filed against Mr. Fry. Some involved accidents, and some involved staff reports of behaviour they said was aggressive. Hiltz-Bontje was asked if she knew whether any incidents of aggressive tendencies on the part of Mr. Fry were filed after March of 1992. She said that in her knowledge, there wasn't.

In November, 1992, Detective Al Bibby of the Minden OPP came to the county-owned senior

citizens' home to charge Hiltz-Bontje with perjury. He also brought a search warrant and apprehended the files pertaining to Mr. Fry. The charge was based on her testimony at the competency trial.

At a preliminary hearing for the perjury charge in July, 1993, one of the witnesses was RN Jo-Anne Ecclestone. In May, 1992, she went into Mr. Fry's bedroom to transfer him from his bed to the commode. She had an arm around his back and was attempting to help him into an upright position when he grabbed her near the neck. "He was squeezing and pulling me towards him," she said.

Gold then asked her whether it was possible Mr. Fry was just trying to help himself up by grabbing her, that he wasn't attacking her. She said that's not how she had perceived the situation.

An incident report was filed, so there was an incident filed after March of 1992.

At both the preliminary hearing and Wednesday's hearing, one of the main issues was the definition of aggression. Hiltz-Bontje says that Mr. Fry was simply acting in a manner reflective of someone with senile dementia. Such residents must be dealt with properly by staff who are aware of the condition and its repercussion. It was her opinion that Mr. Fry was not aggressive; he was acting in accordance with his condition.

She says that on Wednesday, the judge read most of her testimony for the record as part of his decision. She also says the judge said she was entitled to have an opinion about aggressive behaviour, and also that she had no intent to mislead the judges at the competency hearing.

In an interview, Gold said "I didn't think the matter had any place in a criminal court, using up scarce resources." He believes the matter should have been assessed "a little differently."

When Hiltz-Bontje was first charged, county council agreed it

would pay her legal costs contingent on an innocent verdict because she is an employee of the county, says Warden Chris Hodgson. He will have to discuss this with county council on Wednesday, at which time they will also make a decision whether they will try to get the money back.

There have been many other expenses beside lawyer's fees. For instance, at the preliminary hearing, several staff members and virtually all of the RNs, had to spend the day in Lindsay, even though only one of them was asked to testify.

Gold says he has sent his bill to the county and it's up to the county to disclose them.

"I've kept the fees as low as possible because it does involve public money," he says. "One of the reasons I'm glad this is over is that this nursing home and county can use its resources in other ways. It's been an unnecessary drain on resources."

Arrest made in ASES vandalism

A young offender has been arrested and charged in connection with the vandalism at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on December 5.

The 13-year-old boy cannot be identified because of his age. He appeared in court in Lindsay on December 8 charged with break and enter, intent to commit mischief and two charges of mischief. A bail hearing was set for yesterday.

Trial date is set

A trial date of April 27, 1994 has been set for the trial of Charles and Eileen Heard. The Eagle Lake couple was arrested on October 5 and charged with extortion and threats of death. Mr. Heard is also charged with assault. They are free on bail of \$25,000 each.

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County role needs re-defining

Hodgson sees plenty of work ahead for next county warden

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It could be said that having survived a year as the county's warden, being a provincial politician would be easy for Chris Hodgson.

After all, in his year as Haliburton County's senior municipal politician, Hodgson has had to deal with high welfare rolls and low employment rates, cutbacks in provincial grants, the social contract, the Sewell Commission's proposed changes to development rules, taxpayers who don't want to pay more taxes and a myriad of policies and regulations that make it increasingly difficult to provide services and leadership as the county tries to stay on balance.

But nothing has happened which would make the Dysart reeve think twice about his bid to become this riding's next Member of Provincial Parliament.

"We've had a good year. It's been exciting and challenging and I've had a lot of support from county council. I'm glad they gave me the opportunity to serve," Hodgson said in an interview with the Echo. On Tuesday night, county council will vote in a new warden, and Hodgson, who is also Dysart reeve, was asked to reflect upon his year.

Hodgson was a political neophyte when he was chosen as warden last December. He had been Dysart reeve for a only year and was only in his very early thirties. His first priority was to get the reeves and deputies from 10 municipalities to work as one cohesive unit.

"Local politics should end at the county line. We should work

together to get more things for this area," he says. "But it's a slow process -- just the recognition that if we don't work together, we all lose... Bracebridge and Gravenhurst don't always see eye to eye but if one town has a proposal, they work together."

One of the reasons that differences get noticed more than similarities is that there is no consensus on where the county should stand on certain issues. With less and less money coming from the province, and a political unwillingness to raise taxes, "we cannot afford to have little empires."

"I think we're in the middle of a transition," says Hodgson, who was also chosen as the Progressive Conservative candidate in the upcoming provincial by-election. Municipal politicians now have more responsibilities, but they have less money with which to fulfill those responsibilities. As the province takes money out of one hand and cuts back on its own services, people are asking councils to provide even more services and fill in the gaps. Obviously, there's bound to be conflict.

"As a society, we'll have to redefine what government should do," he says, and that applies to both provincial and municipal politics. "We can't afford to provide everything."

With all these changes, there have been many questions about the role the county has to play. Is it an efficient service provider? How much government is needed? What type of government should that be?

When the county commissioned Steve Wace to do an efficiency study, he suggested that the biggest cost savings would come from a variation of one-tier government. That idea was

quickly shot down by politicians who saw it as a threat to their municipal identity.

Hodgson says the county needs to take a close look at how it provides services to see if any changes can be made. That doesn't mean political restructuring, but it does involve more co-operation to see if services can be provided more efficiently.

"As a society, we'll have to redefine what government should do. We can't afford to provide everything."

"What people pay those tax dollars for is service. What's the best way to provide it? That's a fundamental thing that has to be thought through. You can make it appear that there's no problem by spending more money, and we've tried to do that." But the money simply isn't there any more so councils will have to be a bit more creative.

Hodgson believes it can and will be done. "As the problems become obvious, the solutions become more obvious," he says.

For instance, county council has asked the Fire Marshall's Office to look into a county-wide fire protection service after several municipalities ran into budget problems because of increased costs. Instead of being concerned about municipal boundaries, you must always keep the best interests of the county and the residents at heart, Hodgson says.

"County council was supportive and willing to be patient (as new partnerships were explored.) We've tried to make the tax increases lower than our neighbours' to give us an edge."

That hasn't been easy, although in the first two years of county council's three-year mandate -- elections are next November -- tax increases were kept to less than five percent. However, welfare costs are expected to rise to \$700,000 next year, and Hyland Crest will cost \$500,000. Although the county pays part of the costs for both services, the decision making is controlled by the province.

Waste management is another problem. Government regulations are numerous and costly, pushing waste management to become the most expensive service municipalities provide. The county has hired consultants to do a waste management master plan, but it was costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to come up with a proposal the county couldn't afford. The consultant was dropped and the county asked its economic development officer, Mark Stagg, to take over to address the province's requirements.

"We don't have natural clay here to justify spending money to determine five or six sites," says Hodgson. "The alternative is an engineered site, but we can't afford that either. But what we can control is a waste management system. We have to show a plan of how we're going to manage our waste, so we utilized existing staff and applied the provincial subsidy to their wages."

Although there have been complaints that waste management has become bogged down, Hodgson says that Stagg is work-



"As problems become obvious, solutions become more obvious," says outgoing warden, Chris Hodgson

ing in compliance with the provincial rules. It's the rules which are making everything so complicated. "The process is nuts."

As well, county council hasn't seemed to help matters much, never being able to agree on what should be done. "There is clear direction on what Mr. Stagg has to do. What isn't clear is whether there's a consensus of how the system should work."

The same can be said about the non-existent official plan. "There's a recognition we need something the public can agree on," Hodgson says. But county council has not been able to agree on what framework that document should be built on. Hodgson says we must take the personalities out of the process, and come up with a working plan that can be administered. With all the

mini-crises of this past year, there simply hasn't been much time to talk about this and the other important issues.

Everything would also be made easier with a chief administrative officer. The county has been without one ever since Gary McKnight became the administrator of Hyland Crest in the spring. Council has offered the job to at least two people, one of whom turned it down after days of negotiation. Hodgson hopes a hiring decision will be made at tomorrow's (Wednesday's) council meeting at Hyland Crest.

All in all, it's been a trying year, but Hodgson thanks council for its efforts in trying to come to terms with these new and often confusing realities. "When you say 'things didn't happen quickly,' I think I was fortunate to have a council that was as patient as it was," he says.

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Where will we find \$4 million?

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It's all fine and good that the province is going to give Haliburton County \$6.5-million to upgrade healthcare facilities. What's not so clear is how the county can raise the \$4-million it needs to fulfill its part of the bargain.

Under provincial guidelines, the province will pay two-thirds of the capital costs for acute care facilities — hospital beds and emergency departments. Once the hospitals are up and running, it will cover 100 percent of the operating costs.

It's not quite as generous when it comes to the proposed upgrading of Hyland Crest. It will only pay half of the capital costs and roughly 80 percent of the operating costs.

How can the county come up with \$4-million?

Well, there's already about \$1-million in the bank. In the previous fundraising drive for the chronic care beds that were promised in 1987 but never built, people donated about \$440,000. That money has been sitting in the bank and with other donations since then, the fund has now reached \$800,000. Then the county dedicated \$266,000 to the project and that money is still on the books.

So, does anyone have \$3-million to spare?

One of the many issues to be resolved is whether the money should be raised through taxation, private donations or borrowing from the bank — or a mixture of all three. It's a monumental task. As mentioned at Tuesday's meeting of the planning and development committee, welfare costs are higher than they've ever been before and there is 30 percent unemployment. How can the people of Haliburton County raise that kind of money during a recession?

Warden Chris Hodgson is optimistic. For the first time, the province is saying "Here is an envelope of money. You decide how to spend it." It used to be that if you didn't spend the money on a specific program, you had to give it back.

And as well as the promises for capital funding, the province is also guaranteeing its existing level of operating funding.

Let's say that by amalgamating the two hospitals, the local healthcare committee is able to save \$300,000. Hodgson believes they will be allowed to use that money. They can amortize it, spreading it out over the years, or introduce new services, or use it to be able to borrow money from the bank for capital expenditures.

"There are all kinds of opportunities," he told the Echo. "I don't think it should be rejected out of hand."

He also applauds the province for putting governance of the hospitals back into local hands. The province wants control of the hospitals taken away from St. Joseph's in Peterborough and put into a local board which will be responsible for the provision of all healthcare services, including Hyland Crest and perhaps other services such as VON and Red Cross Homemaking.

"You tell me when government has said we're going to let you set your own priorities. That takes the integration of a number of ministries."

But if the county will have more control over healthcare services, that means it will also have more responsibilities. It will be accountable for all decisions and budget problems; there will be no one else to blame. It will also have to have a much clearer idea of its priorities.

During Tuesday's announcement, Ministry of Health representatives were also very enthusiastic about this new way of doing business.

"This has generated a lot of excitement within the Ministry and will provide an example for other communities," said David Thomas, calling it "the most progressive set of announcements" the Ministry has made in a long time. "The significance of what we're announcing involves many other areas (of government). The level of knowledge of Haliburton County's issues bodes well for you in the future."

He also said that the strategic direction plan, which once again reinforced the need for long-term beds after a process which took one and a half years, was well used by the Ministry.

The province has established a fund of \$150,000 to help the hospitals make the transition from St. Joseph's to a community-based board.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to develop a comprehensive community health system," MPP Jenny Carter said on behalf of Health Minister Ruth Grier in a press release. "Our communities know best how to use their resources and how to plan and deliver services."

Hospital funding debated

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have to raise \$4-million, one quarter of which is already in the bank.

"When times were relatively good it was a supreme effort to raise \$600,000 (for the chronic care beds in Haliburton)," said Michael Collins. "Now we have to fight with a great deal of skepticism (because the project was stalled by the province and nothing was ever built.) I'd hate to be the person who has to ask for \$4-million from a county that is down on its uppers. This is a very, very poor community."

But Rheta Jones said "I feel good it was a supreme effort to raise \$600,000 (for the chronic care beds in Haliburton)." said Michael Collins. "Now we have to fight with a great deal of skepticism (because the project was stalled by the province and nothing was ever built.) I'd hate to be the person who has to ask for \$4-million from a county that is down on its uppers. This is a very, very poor community."

Ministry rules state that the county must decide on an overall picture before it goes ahead with any individual component of the plan, she said, and this has to be accepted.

"To me the overwhelming thing is that it's a recognition of the work of the steering committee" which re-established the need for beds, says Marshall Elliott, the executive director of the Kawartha-Haliburton-Pine Ridge District Health Council, which has been given the final authority in approving how the dollars are spent. "We will have a county board which can do its own planning. You now have that accountability. No one else in the province has that advantage."

The secondary concern was where the acute care beds would be consolidated. As committee

chairman Jack Brezina said, that is "the time bomb... It's either an opportunity to bring the two communities together or it blows it away."

Minden representatives seemed to assume the announcement meant the Minden hospital would be closed and all acute care facilities moved to Haliburton.

(It should be noted that the Coulson report said the existing Minden building was not appropriate and renovating it would simply be too expensive. It recommended building a new facility adjoined to Hyland Crest.)

As well, St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough, which owns both the local hospitals, was not forewarned of the Ministry's decision to change ownership from St. Joseph's to the local board. St. Joseph's also played no role in deciding that there only be one acute care facility. Thomas said "the Ministry has been monitoring announcements from St. Joe's to make sure they're consistent with what we're doing."

"If you put 30 long-term care beds onto Haliburton, what happens to our hospital?" asked Minden councillor Gerald Rome. A Ministry representative said that the decision on how the beds will be amalgamated will come from the county. But Collins said "if you're going to give us local governance, don't tie our hands first (by saying there can only be one hospital.)"

Elliott noted that St. Joseph's is closing its emergency department because it can't afford to provide that service in a city which has another hospital providing the

same service. There were many public concerns in Peterborough, especially from people east of the city who will now have to drive through the city to reach an emergency department, but Elliott said it came down to dollars. If you want to maintain the emergency department, what other service would you drop? There's simply not enough money to be all things to all people any more.

Committee member Ann Wood said "you cannot provide services in every community." In the Isle of Skye in Scotland, a doctor is 40 miles away, and if you need treatment, you must take a boat to the mainland. People cope.

She also said there seemed to be the assumption that the beds would move to Haliburton and not vice versa. She stressed that that decision has not been made.

The meeting ended with an impassioned plea for co-operation from committee member Ruby Way, who lives near Wilberforce but works a lot in the Minden area with the Red Cross Homemakers Program. She says that people are more concerned about maintaining good quality health services rather than fighting about where those health services are. She also noted that Minden seems to have a problem developing "a cohesive medical team" and that as a result, many Minden residents are already going to Haliburton for medical services.

"It's childish to be worrying about Haliburton versus Minden. We need to take this step by step — see what happens. Hey, the ball is in our court. Let's get started."

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Rowdy Minden crowd greets St. Joe's board

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hospital would close. Their fears were bolstered by a television news report on CHEX in Peterborough that implied the decision to close Minden had already been made.

Antipathy in Minden for St. Joseph's has built with a growing belief in the community that its hospital would become a victim of the parent hospital's efforts to balance its books.

Johnson sought to allay those fears.

"I can assure you that as far as we, who operate the hospital, are concerned, we do not have any orders to make any changes," said Johnson.

Lussing said the issue of closure hadn't even been debated by St. Joseph's hospital board.

He described the speculation on closure as "premature and inappropriate".

The original purpose of their appearance in Minden was to explain new initiatives by the St. Joseph's board aimed at improving communications between the three hospitals and increasing the local role.

They appeared on a panel with local trustees Rheta Jones and Stuart Baker, acting Minden administrator Denise Northey and Marlene Taylor, the newly-appointed co-administrator of Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

The major change recommended by the St. Joseph's board will be an expansion of the community advisory committee. It will handle administration, planning and fundraising for Haliburton and Minden and take on the role of a local board. Advertisements are being run in the local newspapers for four additional committee members, to be selected from the public. One other member will be appointed by county council.

In an attempt to douse fears a closing was imminent, Lussing said no changes would take place at either hospital until the expanded community advisory committee was in place and had time to consider the ministry's new proposals.

The committee will now also

be responsible for raising the \$4.1-million mentioned in the Ministry of Health's announcement on Tuesday, said Lussing.

(The ministry said it will contribute \$6.5-million to the local hospital improvement projects).

But this news was shouted down by hecklers claiming the committee would be biased in favour of the Haliburton hospital.

Minden resident Sonja



Mel Johnson

Holliday-Rhodes, who heckled the panel throughout the evening, responded to the fundraising plans by calling out "Yes, to get it for Haliburton."

Some of the exchanges between the board and the audience seemed to be more about the rivalry between the two villages than the worries about what St. Joseph's agenda and motives might be.

Mrs. Holliday-Rhodes, whose husband is a doctor in Minden, had spoken earlier in the evening when the floor was opened to the public for questions.

"We don't like to talk about taking our beds away and giving them to Haliburton. We have to be polite about it," she said sarcastically. She said the decisions on the hospitals had been skewed in Haliburton's favour. "We don't have fair representation. If it's not 50-50 it's not fair. Because we're lumped as a county we're losing out."

The audience applauded her statement.

Johnson said St. Joseph's aim was to have committee members who represented the county, not just one village, to ensure representation for the entire county.

"Local members represent the community at large. They don't just represent Haliburton or Minden."

But his comments were drowned out by shouts of "They do. They do" from the crowd.

Minden resident Bernie Davis told the St. Joseph's representatives a lack of trust was at the root of the concerns being expressed at the meeting.

"We don't know who to trust anymore," said Davis.

An unidentified member of the audience called out "Not Haliburton anyway. They work under the table."

But some people in the crowd objected to the limited focus of some of the audience.

"I'm from (the Kinmount area)," said Ted Wilkes. "That's in Haliburton County, too. There is a world outside Haliburton and Minden." Laughter and scattered applause greeted his remark.

He sought to have Lussing explain the financial status of the hospitals. Both Haliburton and Minden are operating with a deficit, a situation St. Joseph's board has said can not continue.

Lussing, however, had shown up without the hospitals' financial statistics and was unable to provide a detailed breakdown of the hospitals' income and expenditure.

"I'm at a distinct disadvantage because I don't have the numbers," said Lussing.

"Why not? Why not?" Stephen Dawson yelled from the audience.

Giving up on the attempt to provide information he didn't have, Lussing said there was "obviously a high level of mistrust" and he would arrange for St. Joseph's chartered accountant and a financial analyst to visit Minden. They would explain the accounts "to whoever is interested and prepared to learn how to read financial statements."



Kinmount resident Ted Wilkes (standing centre) gets a laugh from the Minden audience at last week's county hospital meeting as he reminds them "There is a world outside Haliburton and Minden".

"We're not all dummies," Minden's Deputy-reeve Lewis Stevens called out from the audience.

Later in the meeting Lussing invited the community to select a dozen representatives to meet with the hospital's accountants.

Such was the level of distrust that Mrs. Holliday-Rhodes asked for them to bring the Haliburton hospital's books too so they could check if the hospitals were being handled differently.

After the meeting Lussing said the only way to deal with the lack of public confidence was to spend time explaining what the hospital was doing.

"I'm terribly upset that people think there's a hidden motive."

Councillor Gerry Rome, who had tried at the meeting to get Lussing to explain some of the hospital's accounting practices, said later he wasn't surprised by the level of public hostility.

He said he had been trying to get answers for more than a year. "They've left it too long. There's several thousands of dollars in depreciation costs and their answers to our questions have been evasive."

One speaker, Bess Cox, asked the audience if it felt Minden could operate the hospital any

better than St. Joseph's.

"Are you willing to pay the extra taxes? Run it? Manage it?"

"Yes. Yes. Yes" was the answer from the audience.

At the end of the two-hour meeting, Haliburton trustee Stuart Baker, who had been silent throughout the earlier exchanges, addressed the audience.

"I've found these to be honourable people," said Baker gesturing towards Johnson and Lussing.

He said that since joining the board in September he had seen the parent hospital's "strong desire" to help the local hospitals and the community should be grateful for their ownership.

"We need a partner (to run our hospitals) and the partner we need is St. Joseph's. Why not look at the \$6.5-million as a Christmas gift?"

He was interrupted by a shout from the audience "It's going to Haliburton" but continued.

"For one thing it would improve service in the county. Secondly it would bring immediate employment (from construction) and when the facilities are up they will bring permanent jobs to our community."

"I know there are problem solvers here. Now all we have to

do is put our heads together. There are sound thinking people in Haliburton and Minden and other parts of the county."

He said the community had suffered a breakdown in trust, but now was the time to move forward.

"If we argue amongst ourselves, if we don't put aside our differences the county won't get any of the things it wants."

His comments were greeted by sustained applause and some of the people in the audience approached him after the meeting to thank him.

But others still left the meeting dissatisfied with the outcome.

Minden resident Steve Adam didn't think anything was achieved.

"No, we didn't gain anything. We got no assurance about Minden's hospital. We got incomplete answers. I don't think he (Lussing) was prepared (for the financial questions). I thought that was the purpose of the meeting."

But, Adam said, the fate of the Minden hospital was now more important than the history of its finances and it was important to select an unbiased committee to decide future planning.

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Locals invited to join hospital committee

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

By the end of Thursday night's meeting in Minden, Frank Lussing must have been looking back wistfully to his Monday night meeting in Haliburton.

In contrast to the noisy, impatient crowd in Minden, the Haliburton gathering was a sedate affair.

It was held at the high school the night before the ministry's release of its hospital development plans. The meeting focused on St. Joseph's plans to expand public participation in running the hospital and what the future holds for the health business in Ontario.

Lussing, who is St. Joseph's chief executive officer, and Mel Johnson, chairman of the board, appeared on a panel with Haliburton trustee Stuart Baker, Minden trustee Rheta Jones, newly appointed Minden-Haliburton administrator Marlene Taylor, Dr. Norm Bottum and acting administrator (Minden) Denise Northey.

What was said:

the strongest opinions were expressed on the fate of money raised in the past for hospital development. Lussing said all funds raised by the local communities remain designated "in pockets".

"They are all specifically earmarked for the purposes for which they were raised."

There is more than \$800,000 (including interest) in the bank from a Haliburton fundraising effort.

Former board member Harry Davis said "I don't think there's



Marlene Taylor

A single hospital can no longer afford to be all things to all people. The money just isn't there

anything caused as much division as this...I've heard people say now they would love to get their money out of it."

Delays in getting work started at the hospital mean some donors have died without seeing their contribution used for the good of

the hospital. "All of us in this room owe it to them to see that commitment fulfilled," said Baker.

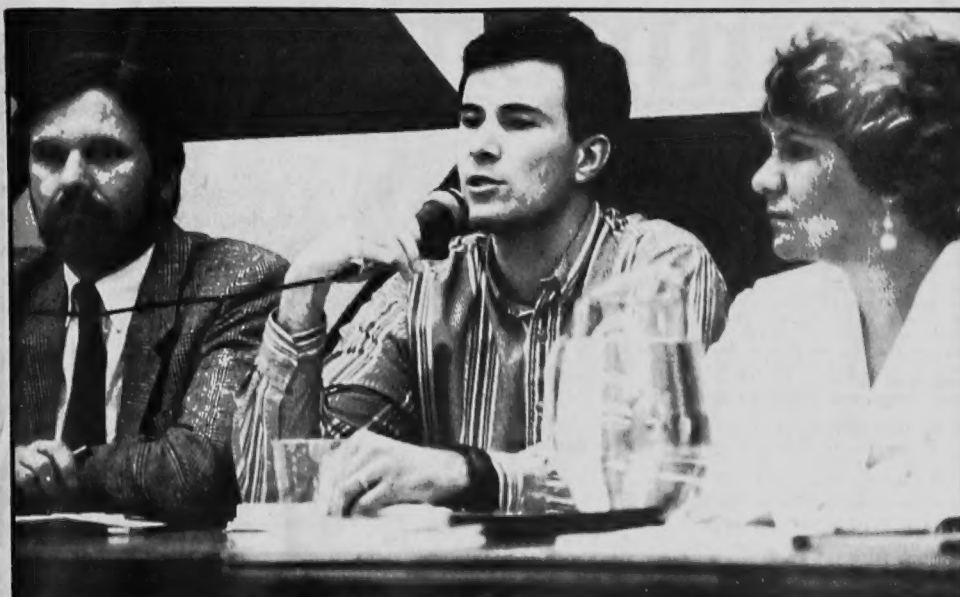
Bottum said the opinion that "Haliburton had done its part, Minden has to do its own, is not the spirit we want to project here. This is a combined project."

the community advisory board of six (two doctors, two board members and Lussing and Johnson) will be expanded by five members of the public. Four will be selected from qualified applicants and one will be selected by county council. It will act as a local advisory board to the St. Joseph's board and will help with fundraising. "I think it's an extremely important initiative," said Lussing.

joint administrator Marlene Taylor will act as a liaison between the three hospitals spending two days a week in each local hospital and one day in Peterborough.

Lussing said the meaning of the word "hospital" was changing. St. Joseph's is closing its emergency service and expanding its out patient department but that didn't mean it wasn't a hospital. A single hospital can no longer afford to be all things to all people. The money just isn't there. The designation of beds to acute care or long term care was also less of an issue because the ministry was funding hospitals based on an assessment of individual patients.

"I'll say as clearly as you want - we have no intention of pulling out money (from Haliburton or Minden hospitals) to help St. Joseph's (balance its books)," said Lussing.



At the Haliburton meeting Doctor Norm Bottum (centre with Denise Northey and Frank Lussing) told the audience the hospital issue needed a spirit of co-operation for the development of health care to succeed

Minden wants face-to-face meeting with health ministry

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

Ministry of Health officials are being invited to Minden to discuss the fate of the community's hospital.

Anson, Hindon, Minden council decided on Thursday that they need face-to-face dialogue with the ministry to get an explanation of the funding package for county hospitals announced last Tuesday.

They will try to set up a public meeting with the ministry before the end of the year.

The decision was made after the councillors attended a raucous public meeting organized by the executive of the Peterborough parent hospital, St. Joseph's.

Chairman Mel Johnson and chief executive officer Frank Lussing answered questions from the public and councillors on the future of Minden's hospital and its annual deficit.

"We're not content with the answers we got. There was more flower than fact," said Reeve Bern Berry after the meeting.

The ministry's funding announcement had set off alarm bells in the Minden community. The requirement to consolidate acute care into one hospital has increased fears Minden will lose its hospital in the upgrading of the county's health facilities.

The council adjourned its own council meeting, which conflicted with the hospital meeting, for an hour on Thursday night to take

the opportunity to question the St. Joseph's representatives.

Berry and other councillors sought to get support from St. Joseph's in the fight to keep Minden Hospital open. They also questioned chief executive officer Frank Lussing about some financial statistics.

They came away dissatisfied on both accounts.

"I don't think he (Lussing) was prepared to answer the questions. He's answering them like a silver-tongued fox," Berry said after leaving the meeting.

When the councillors arrived, about an hour after the meeting started, Berry took the floor to try and explain what a hospital closure would mean.

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EDITORIAL

Make it work

Before we start concentrating on the difficult challenges that lie ahead, let us take time to praise the provincial government for recognizing that Haliburton County has a right to expect better healthcare services. At a time when cutbacks are more numerous than new funding proposals, the province has agreed to spend \$6.5-million on our institutional healthcare facilities. It will fund two-thirds of the cost of building 30 long-term care beds. It is making a commitment to acute care beds and emergency facilities, even though in other areas, hospitals are either closing or reducing services. It is paying half the costs of upgrading Hyland Crest to better reflect the needs of our aging population.

We are foolish if we don't take the money and run with it. It may take 10 or even 20 years given this sluggish economy, but only with the provincial funding can we build towards a better future. Without improved healthcare facilities, this county will stagnate, especially since so much of our economy depends on the people who bring their retirement dollars and freedom to the Highlands. If we don't band together now, we will only have ourselves to blame if we don't move forward.

Of course, the announcement is also cause for cynicism. After all, haven't we heard all this before? The promises began back in 1985 and as yet, nothing has come of them. Of that \$6.5-million promised last Tuesday, \$2.3-million was already promised two years ago — and that was an attempt to honour a funding promise made in 1987. As well, you could say that the government's statement that there can only be one acute-care facility in the county is just a ploy to let the whole thing die as Haliburton and Minden fight over where those beds should be located.

But let's put cynicism on hold, at least for the next year. Now is the time to work together to establish what this county needs and how we can meet those needs. As the media tells us each day, the status quo is no longer affordable. The province is right in saying that we can only afford one acute care facility, but it hasn't told us what that facility should be like. Should the emphasis be on beds, or out-patient services such as physiotherapy and cancer treatments? Should we have one state-of-the-art emergency department? Should one village concentrate on emergency services while the other focuses on acute care needs, such as stabilizing heart attack patients and delivering babies?

What do we need? Not what buildings do we need, but what services? We all have a role in determining the future, but if we want to be listened to, we must co-operate with one another and accept the new atmosphere of restraint. At Tuesday's meeting of the planning and development committee, there were dead bodies all over the place as some people imagined what it would be like with only one acute care hospital. Given their arguments, half the people in Victoria County must be dying on their way to Ross Memorial Hospital, the only hospital between Peterborough and the Highlands. We have been blessed and pampered by having two old-style hospitals. It's not feasible for that to continue, we have to accept that. There are limited dollars and unlimited desires; compromises must be found. That's the new rule, and we must work within those parameters.

This is a time of opportunity. We can all work together to plan the best healthcare facilities in the province, facilities that both recognize our needs and the financial realities of modern-day living. Are we going to take advantage of this opportunity? We have the people that can make it work — patients, doctors, healthcare workers, builders, fundraisers. Now we need the willpower.

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View over Haliburton Forest's wilderness

HCSA questions motives of naturalists

To the Editor from our Readers

To the Editor:

It was with great interest I read your report regarding the 20-mile abandoned railway between Haliburton and Kinmount and its future use.

Over 10 years ago the HCSA, through the efforts of Past President Peter Overington, began to pursue the CNR and local government with respect to acquiring the rail line as a recreational trail. The HCSA worked hard for many years to bring local attention to the potential which the rail line offers Haliburton County — provided it was kept intact and not sold-off piece meal. A few short years ago a number of Haliburton politicians caught the vision of a recreational rail line preserved for all to share and proceeded to purchase this 20 mile right-of-way. These people must be saluted for this monumental act. Rarely do we see this kind of political vision today.

Since the County acquired the rail line, the HCSA has been the only organized recreational user group to step up and provide liability insurance for the County in the winter and regular yearly maintenance to the rail line. I find the total disregard for the HCSA's contribution to the rail line by the "naturalist club" insulting and annoying. We would like to thank Mr. Valentine for his kind comments on our behalf at the naturalist meeting.

This past fall the HCSA invested \$10,000 in the restoration of three bridges on the rail line. These bridges are priceless and were deteriorating from wheeled vehicle traffic chewing the rail ties away. The HCSA fully respects all users of the rail line and we are prepared to step up and put the necessary resources into preserving it — for all, forever. I seriously question the motives of the Haliburton Field Naturalists in regard to shared use of the rail line. They have never contacted any of our Executive regarding their interest in the rail line. We certainly have a wealth of knowledge about the rail line, its history, its future, insurance and liability problems and its necessary up-keep.

The HCSA is wondering just exactly what this group has in store for the rail line. In the winter the rail line must be shared with dogsled teams which practice on certain sections. To this end the HCSA has posted signs to warn of the presence of sled dogs. I read nothing about dog sleds in the naturalists' plan for "shared use". Dog

sled racing has become part of Haliburton's winter identity.

While shared use means compromise, tolerance and co-operation on behalf of all parties, the comments levelled regarding snowmobiling on the rail line lead us to believe the naturalists have a different interpretation of "shared use".

Snowmobilers bring more than \$10-million of economic benefit to the County. The village of Kinmount is often full of trucks and trailers from visiting snowmobilers who unload their snowmobiles and then snowmobile right into Haliburton County. It is not uncommon for more than 1,200 snowmobiles to use the rail line in an eight-hour period on winter weekends. This means literally tens of thousands of dollars are coming into Haliburton via the rail line every winter weekend because of the safe, scenic and

well maintained access the rail line provides for snowmobiles. The HCSA and its 2,895 members are proud of their contribution to Haliburton's economy and do this as a volunteer run organization.

Any future plans for the rail line and its shared use are of great interest to the HCSA. We think the naturalists who now envision themselves as the champions of the preservation of the rail line might benefit from a little research into the rail line and should be prepared to contribute in a tangible way to the on-going shared use of this unique Haliburton resource.

Mark Lester,
Trails Committee Chairperson,
HCSA.

Headwear rule not discriminatory

To the Editor:

As an associate member of the Royal Canadian Legion, I am dismayed by the recent controversy concerning whether or not Sikhs should be allowed to wear their turban in the Legion. Recent publicity on this issue has been sensational, provocative and misleading. To help get the facts straight, I would like to make the following observations.

1. Although some Legions consist of only a club room, many Legions, including Haliburton, have additional space, which is used for general meetings, social events such as Bingo, or rented as a hall for wedding receptions etc. As far as I know there are no restrictions on head gear in this part of the Legion.

2. The only place in the Legion where there are restrictions on head gear is the Club Room. All hats or head gear must be removed before entering the Club Room as a sign of respect for those members of the armed forces who have given their lives to defend our freedom. This rule applies to everyone, Sikh, Scot, Irish or Chinese.

3. Yes! There are exceptions. A member or former member of the armed forces can wear headgear in the Club Room as long as they are in full military uniform. For most soldiers or ex-soldiers this means a beret. For some it would mean a cap. In the case of a Sikh, this could well be a turban.

The Legion does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of sex, race, or religion. To portray the controversy over turbans as an issue of racial discrimination does a great disservice to

both members of the Legion and members of the Sikh community.

The Legion is not a government organization. It is a private club and the members vote democratically on the club rules. Once those rules are established, they apply to all members and their guests. The rule concerning head gear in the club Room is more than a rule. It's a tradition.

I personally have a great deal of sympathy with recent immigrants who have difficulty integrating into a new and bewildering culture. They may well encounter prejudice and racial intolerance. I commend their efforts to overcome that. But the controversy over turbans is NOT one of those occasions. It is a misunderstanding of gigantic proportions. The Legion has to do a better job of explaining its rules and traditions. The media should at least make an effort to provide balanced reporting of the issue. And members of the Sikh community would do well to remember that co-operation and friendship is a two way street. We welcome them to a country where their cultural and religious beliefs are respected and protected by law. Surely it's not too much to ask them to respect our traditions as well.

Peace to all men of good will.
Brian J. Grieson,
Haliburton.

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Recalling a sometimes cruel yule



CITY SLICKER
DAVID CARROLL

PINE POINT, KENNISIS LAKE: That Christmas, 1979, was so heavy with snow, that we had to come north to shovel off the roof. For weeks and weeks, Dad had looked tense: the snow had been wet, and roofs were buckling left and right. On December 22nd it came to a head. Dad asked us flat out if we'd mind spending Christmas up north.

Everyone was keen on the idea except Mike, who was afraid that Santa wouldn't know where we were. Dad assured him that Santa would recognize the car. Mike still wasn't convinced, but what could he do? It was, after all, four to one.

We drove north on 400 through the driving snow; my first winter trip: I'd never seen such white. At the cottage we shovelled out a spot for the car, and cheerfully burrowed a tunnel to our door. It was quite an adventure, those first few minutes. Then we got inside and froze. You see, the old croft wasn't too well insulated then; that is to say, just the bathroom and the floors. We had no heaters to speak of, just the fireplace and the dogs. We played Scrabble in mittens. And the tape deck didn't work.

The next morning the thermometer read minus nineteen. Dad set us shovelling a path to the road: a grueling task, but at least it warmed us up. After that we worked on the roof; three hours and the task was all done.

After lunch Dad went up to the road, with the intent of driving to town for a heater. Naturally, it wasn't to be. The brakes had frozen to the wheel wells or something. Dad came down and told us the news while Mom soaked her hands in a basin of warm water. Andy and I stole down to the lake to scrape a hole in the ice with spoons. Our idea was to find a source of fresh water, so the family could live for more than three days. It took us a while but we finally got through. We carried the water upstairs and made tea. "Does the lake always freeze over so early?" wondered Dad. It was Christmas Eve.

We were so naive.

At three that afternoon, the Winstons arrived. They were followed by Roths, from Alexandria Point. The Roths were on our party line; they knew we were up because they'd heard our ring. "Nippy in here," noted Mr. Winston, coming in. Then he went out, saying he had a heater in his crawspace. A few minutes later he reappeared with the heater, and also triscuits and eggnog, and a string of Christmas lights. Dad strung them up on the porch railing outside. They were very pretty: they went Blink, Blink, Blink.

Snow started to fall in the late afternoon, causing Mike to fret, for fear the car would be obscured. Every twenty minutes, he put on his boots, and climbed the hill with an ice-scraper in his hand. No one made fun. We all knew it was important. If Santa didn't come, we sure couldn't blame him.

The afternoon, and the evening sped on. Leftover turkey was discovered in the oven, along with two or three months of growth. So instead of roast beef, we ate macaroni and cheese. Mrs. Winston cheered. She preferred it anyway, she said. Andy and I were allowed to sip wine, since, as Mom said, it was only once a year. The talk got louder. Angel threw up on the floor. We listened over and over to the soundtrack of "Windjammer" — the only tape Dad had brought along.

Later, after the guests had left, we dragged our mattresses into the living room. Angel, now healthy of course, immediately claimed one as her own. Andy fiddled with the radio dial, and hit upon John Lennon's "War is Over." Mike made one last trip to the road, but the snow had stopped falling, and the car was moonbeam blue. Dad read out loud "A Visit From St. Nick," and feigned to fall asleep on the roll-away bed. We threw licorice at his head and ordered him to bed. "Santa won't come till everyone's asleep," Mom agreed.

That's about all I remember from that Christmas, except that I got a Triumph album. A thaw came soon after, and the brakes came undone, and we made it home in time for school. For weeks afterward I thought it had been a cold and jolting Christmas, but in the end it turned out to be the best one of all. So joy to you, and to yours, and to theirs! Dig the cruel Yule! And the warm and precious snow.

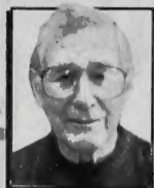


Pic of the Past

This charming photograph shows the original fire tower on Green's Mountain, just south of Gooderham, in 1927. (It was later replaced by a steel tower in the early 1940s.) The two children in the foreground are Evelyn Young, whose

family ran a hotel in the village, and Merle Pickens, whose father was a fire warden. The couple leaning against the posts in the background are Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Hadley, and it is probably her brother, Horace McClay, who took the photo. The other people are not known. Our thanks to Dallyn Pickens of Gooderham for supplying us with the photo and information.

A problem that grows on you



OFF THE CUFF
GEORGE LACY

Some fifty years ago, during World War II, a Chinese diplomat who had been in the United States just a few months was asked, "What is it that impresses you the most about America?" He thought for a moment, and then replied, "The great size of your garbage cans."

I was reminded of that exchange when I opened the newspaper and found that Toronto is torn by an emotional question. Where are they going to put their garbage? The Ontario government has chosen three waste management sites (a fancy term for dumps) to bury their garbage. Not surprisingly, this has sparked outrage among those living near the chosen sites, and the issue is far from settled.

Toronto is not alone in facing a bleak future in matters related to waste. There is a bad news/good news story about Florida. The bad news is that in twenty years, the water shortage will be serious enough that the state's inhabitants will be drinking their own sewage. The good news is that there will not be enough to go around.

The new dumps will take care of Toronto's needs for only the next twenty years. What happens when the city's population will be, without question, much larger? In my lifetime, Canada's population has more than trebled from 8.8 million in 1921 to almost 30 million now. Ontario's total population, when I was a boy, was less than Metro Toronto's population today. And therein lies the root of many of our problems. Exponential population growth means more consumption, more waste and more pollution.

Most of us are surprised when confronted by the reality of exponential growth. We are accustomed to thinking of growth as a linear process, which occurs when something increases a constant amount over a constant period of time. A boy or girl becoming an inch taller each year is growing linearly. On the other hand, exponential growth is when a quantity increases a fixed percentage over a constant period of time. Thus, as the quantity, itself, gets bigger, the increase grows steadily larger.

An old Persian legend illustrates how quickly exponential growth can get out of hand. A clever artisan made a beautiful chessboard of inlaid woods and presented it to his king, and asked, in return, for the king to give him one grain of rice for the first square on the board, two for the second square, four for the third, and

so on. The fifth square required 16 grains, the tenth took 512, and by the sixteenth, 32,764 grains were required. On the twenty-first square, the king had to give up over a million grains, and by the fortieth, a million million. Long before the sixty-fourth square was reached, the country's entire rice supply had been exhausted.

Exponential growth is a very common process in biological, financial and many other systems, and can generate immense numbers very quickly. Another little story illustrate this in a slightly different way. Imagine, if you will, a glass jar into which is placed an invisibly small micro-organism which reproduces itself once a minute. As each minute ticks off, the number of organisms, therefore, doubles. If, at twelve noon, the jar becomes exactly full, when was it half full? Go to the head of the class if your answer is one minute to twelve. At two minutes before noon, it is a quarter full, and an eighth full at three minutes before, and so on. At ten minutes before noon, the jar is one-tenth of one percent full, and you would probably see only a smear at the bottom. The important question is: when did the microbes first begin to feel crowded? The answer? — probably too late to do anything about it.

What application does this have to the problems that beset society today? On the growth side, it would appear to tie in with things like our increasing national debt, population, and pollution. It also works in the other direction when we are depleting resources such as the Amazon forests, the ozone layer, and the diminishing reserves of oil. The most recent example is the disappearance of codfish off our east coast. A whole economy and way of life for Newfoundlanders may have been snatched from them forever. When was that problem first recognized? As with our little fable, certainly so late that no effective actions were taken.

The depletion of resources, the increase of garbage and pollution are all tied to the exponential growth of population and consumption. But we are conditioned to admire growth. Companies point with pride if they can grow by five percent a year; municipal councilors smile when there is a steady growth in the number of taxpayers, and we deem it a mark of success when we join the ranks of the two car families. Since unrestrained growth seems to be the order of the day, our attitude is: enjoy it while we can, for like the codfish, it may not last.

Ah, if only I had avoided that article about Toronto's growing aggravation over garbage, you would have been spared this dreary discourse. Incidentally, wartime garbage cans were small potatoes compared with what we use today. I wonder what they will be like in another fifty years?

Give time, not gifts to children



NORTHERN LIGHTS
VIRGINIA MUENZEL

HOW IS THE CHRISTMAS shopping going? Is your wallet feeling a little light these days? Does your VISA statement put you in mind of the provincial deficit? By the time you get done paying for this Christmas, will you be counting down to the next? Don't lose hope. There's help out there.

Awhile back, on W5, and about a month ago, on CBC radio as well, there was a segment devoted to a couple named Moreley Seaver and Gisele Grignon. They are both freelance writers who have learned how to raise three kids, giving them quality time, and a decent life on a highly erratic income. Because they've become so good at it, and because a lot of parents today are forced to live on limited incomes, they decided they could lend a hand. Thus, the Pennywise Parent Newsletter was born.

I wish I had received the sample newsletter earlier. There's a neat column in it called Confessions of a Cheap Gift Giver. The simple, eight-page newsletter is full of bright ideas to stretch food bills, decorate kids rooms on a budget, bust boredom, shrink shopping lists, and so on. The sub-

title of the newsletter is: Raising happy children without declaring emotional or financial bankruptcy.

After reading the sample, I felt it would do my kids more good than Ed and me. But, luckily for us, there was also an introductory issue of another newsletter called Simply Seniors. Billed as "A no-frills newsletter for no-frills seniors, this modest, ten-page missive covers gardening, health tips, how we used to do things (without all those high priced, hydro-guzzling gadgets) pennywise grandparents, recipes, CENtIsible seniors, etc." Right up our alley!

The whole premise of these two newsletters is that you don't have to have the best to be the best. Now, I like that. Let's face it, all this materialism is what has gotten our world economy in such a mess. And it is becoming increasingly obvious that things are never going to be the same again. While that may strike sadness or terror in the hearts of many, I personally think it's a blessing.

Right now, we're all going through a long transitional period of learning that we really don't have to have everything. Maybe we'll even learn that large portion of these material things aren't good for our health, and more importantly, the health of the earth we need to live on.

The truth is, the more money we have, the more we spend. The more we spend, the longer we have to work to pay the bills. The longer we have to work to pay the bills, the less time we have to spend with our families. The less time we spend

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Not always an easy ride



DOWN OUR ROAD
SHARON LYNCH

THE CHILD STOOD SHIVERING at the end of the driveway. Mike saw her long before he had reached her house. Small for her age, she stood braced against the early morning cold like a bleached-out stalk of winter grass, all sharp angles and determination. A few flurries swirled around her thin legs as she waited for Mike to stop. Then with a thrust of her chin, she headed toward the school bus door, dragging an oversized knapsack behind her.

As Mike watched her mount the bus steps, he noticed as he did every morning, the small bare

hands with their red knuckles like little chicken bones. She nodded in his direction and Mike returned the nod, adding an encouraging comment if one came to mind.

Mike's problem was he cared. He saw many things as he drove and he was often unable to leave these images inside the bus at the end of the day. It was called professional distance and it was the only aspect of his job he had not yet fully mastered. It was also something with which he would never have thought a bus driver in a rural community would have to contend.

Every morning Mike picked up the same children in front of their homes and then drove them home at the end of the school day. For ten months of the year he saw how they looked and who, if anyone, waited with them for his arrival. Their clothes, the way they climbed into the bus and especially the look in their eyes told Mike things he did not always want to know.

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HHSS hockey chills out

Team wins 7-4 in (almost) penalty-free game

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

On Wednesday night, there was an air of suppressed tension at the Dysart arena. This was the first time the HHSS Redmen hockey team was playing in Haliburton after two previous home games were called because of fighting.

After all the media and community attention that broke out after the fights, the larger-than-usual crowd was wondering how the team would play that night.

Nobody needed to have worried, however, because Haliburton skated to a 7-4 win in a game that exemplified good, clean, fast hockey.

In the first two periods, no penalties went to either Haliburton or their opponents. Peterborough's Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School. When the Zamboni cleared the ice

before the third period, the score was 4-3 for Haliburton.

In the first period, neither team was able to capitalize on their solid teamwork. Seconds into the second period, Peterborough scored the game's first goal. Haliburton responded four minutes later with two, fast goals. Chris Greenfield got the first one past Peterborough's goalie, with assists from Jackie Morrison and Curtis Bain. Twenty-four seconds later, Andy Billings scored, with an assist from Jonathon Bishop. The Redmen's third goal was only a minute away: Bishop scored assisted by Mike Mackenzie and Billings.

Peterborough fought back with two goals before Haliburton ended the second period with a goal by Morrison, assisted by Bain.

The Redmen got the third period off to a fast start with another

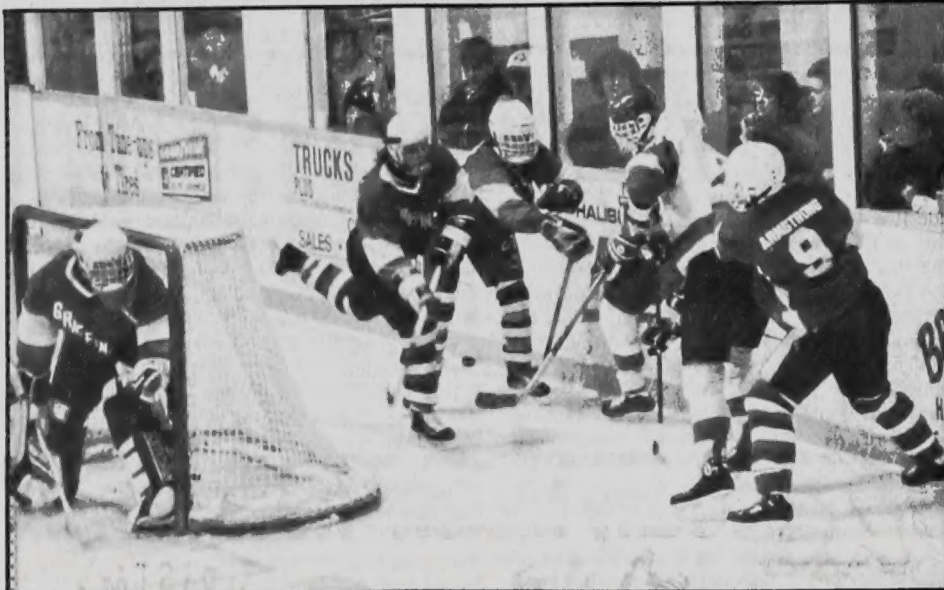
two goals only seconds apart. Both were by Bill Bradley, who was assisted both times by Mark Stamp and Greg Stamp. Seven minutes later, Peterborough responded with another goal, making the score 6-4.

There were a few seconds of tenseness when there was a small scuffle in the corner, as you could almost hear a collective intake of breath from the crowd. The players skated away to finish the game, but a corner had been turned. Peterborough got the first penalty of the game when the goalie hit a Haliburton player on the head with his stick. Then, with only a minute and a half left in the game, a player from each team got a two-minute penalty for roughing. Peterborough pulled its goalie and Redman Colin Morrison was able to

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FALLING FOR EACH OTHER: There was some high-flying action at Wednesday night's high school hockey game in Haliburton, and fortunately, it was all according to the rules. The Redmen took on Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School and won the almost penalty-free game 7-4. The photo at bottom left is also of Wednesday's game.



Atoms skate to the final of local one-day tournament

Last Monday the O.M.H.A. Atom Huskies travelled to Ops to play the Flames.

After a tight checking first period Ryan Simioni scored an unassisted goal four minutes into the second to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead. However just before the end of the period Ops score to tie the game. Five minutes into the third Simioni took a pass from Bobby Hebert and buried it into the top corner. Thanks to some excellent goaltending by Brian Mulholland and Adam Wilson, the game stayed that way until Cole

Glendinning scored an empty netter for a 3-1 final.

Friday was the return match of this home and home series. The Huskies took an early lead when Danny Koz opened the scoring on a pass from Jamie Johnston just thirty seconds into the game. Two minutes later Scot Curry made it 2-0 on a pass from Cole Glendinning. Just five minutes later the same pair combined for a 3-0 lead.

The Flames came back in the second period to make it a 3-2 game. Early in the third the

Huskies Ryan Simioni scored an unassisted goal to make it 4-2. Two minutes later Scot Curry got his hat-trick on an assist from Chris Nimigon. And two minutes later Simioni scored another unassisted marker for a 6-2 lead. The Flames then started to apply the pressure and scored three times in the last four minutes. However the Huskies hung on for a 6-5 victory.

On Saturday the boys hosted their annual tournament starting at 9 a.m. with the Huskies facing

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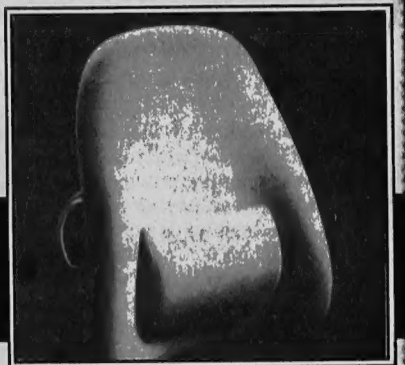
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Public scrutiny makes team think twice about fighting

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break-away for a free shot at the Peterborough goal, ending the game 7-4.

"I'm really pleased with the way the guys played," says Redmen Coach Ron Yake. "They're proving that if you do stay outside of the penalty box, they can win games... Wednesday night's game was an excellent, fast running game. There was good, clean skating, which was certainly nice to see."

He says the players were affected by all the attention in the

newspapers and the school after the previous fights. (Several players had also been suspended for two games.) Although Yake believes the fights were isolated incidents, he used them to stress that the community was watching the team and had certain expectations about how they played. "People respond to what happens with (the team). They look at it as more than just hockey -- it's part of the community."

With Wednesday's almost penalty-free game, Yake now

hopes the whole issue of violence has died out and people and players can concentrate on the game. "I think the school offers a good program and it's provided a good level of hockey and a chance to grow through sports," he says.

Haliburton also did well in two earlier games. On December 3, a short-handed team travelled to Lindsay while the rest of the team sat out the game because of suspensions. Both Haliburton and I.E. Weldon got two goals on the scoreboard, ending the game in a 2-2 tie.

Scoring both goals for Haliburton was Dennis Woods, who was assisted by Mike Billings on the first goal, and Mike Mackenzie and Billings on the second. There were eight minutes of penalties for Haliburton, and 10 for I.E. Weldon and Justin Rowden filled in on goal for the Redmen.

Three days later, the Redmen were in Peterborough to take on Crestwood. Haliburton and its captain, Jonathon Bishop, dominated the game. Bishop scored three of the Redmen's seven goals and assisted on two others.

The goals were by: Mike Mackenzie, assisted by Colin Morrison; Andrew McKelvey assisted by Bishop and Mackenzie; Greg Stamp, assisted by Mark Stamp and Morrison; Bishop, unassisted; Bishop assisted by McKelvey; Jeff Black assisted by Bishop; and Bishop unassisted. The final score was 7-4.

The Redmen's games this week are Tuesday in Fenelon Falls and Wednesday at home, also against Fenelon Falls.



A Husky Atom fends off players from Sutton during Saturday's tournament in Haliburton

Minden wins Atom consolation title

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off against the Minden Monarchs. The home team opened the scoring when Danny Koz converted a Bobby Hebert pass. Five minutes later Nic Cochrane made it 2-0 after slamming home a Ryan Simioni rebound. It stayed that way until near the end of the second period when Cole Glendinning finished off a Simioni pass. With less than two minutes left in the game Simioni made it a 4-0 final with assists going to Cochrane and Hebert.

The first game of the second round was a close-checking but exciting game with Minden defeating Beaverton 1-0 in overtime. The next game pitted the Huskies against Bracebridge. Three minutes into the first peri-

od Cole Glendinning made a beautiful end to end rush to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead. Although there were many good chances for both teams that was the only scoring until Ryan Simioni converted a Bobby Hebert pass into an empty net with just two seconds left. This was an exciting, well-played game for the fans to watch and Brian Mulholland made some great saves to keep the shutout intact.

The next game had the Gravenhurst team rolling over Oshawa to the tune of 7-3.

That set the stage for the consolation final between Minden and Gravenhurst. This was another well played game with Minden scoring late in the third period for a 2-1 victory. Next came the

championship game between the hometown Huskies and Uxbridge. Just four minutes into the game Haliburton took the lead when Ryan Wood made a neat wrap around goal after a Jamie Luck pass. One minute later Ryan Simioni set up Jamie Johnston, whose blast from the point eluded the goalie for a 2-0 lead. Ten seconds later Jamie Luck took a Cole Glendinning pass and put it away for a 3-0 lead. However before the end of the period Uxbridge had come back with two of their own for a 3-2 score. Uxbridge then took the lead in the second period with two unanswered goals and then added an insurance marker halfway through the third for a 5-3 victory.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY STATISTICS

Kawartha League, as of December 9

DIVISION	TEAM	GAMES	W	L	T	GF	GA	POINTS
CENTRAL	Kenner	7	6	0	1	52	19	13
CENTRAL	St. Peter's	7	4	2	1	33	21	9
CENTRAL	Crestwood	4	3	1	0	18	11	6
CENTRAL	Adam Scott	7	0	6	1	19	46	1
EAST	Lakefield	6	4	2	0	28	18	8
EAST	T.A.S.S.	6	2	2	2	21	18	6
EAST	Campbellford	8	2	5	1	28	45	5
EAST	Norwood	5	0	5	0	10	41	0
WEST	Haliburton	9	6	2	1	60	28	13
WEST	Fenelon Falls	7	4	1	2	33	17	10
WEST	I.E. Weldon	7	2	2	3	23	24	7
WEST	Lindsay C.V.I.	7	1	6	0	17	49	2

SCORING LEADERS

With the withdrawal of the Morissette twins, Kevin and Mark, from the Redmen hockey team, the league scoring race has opened up. Haliburton's Jonathon Bishop is in a two way tie for second place with six goals and 12 assists for 18 points. Mike Mackenzie is tied with two other players for third with 16 points on seven goals and nine assists. Mark Stamp is one of five players in seventh place. He has 12 points from five goals and seven assists.

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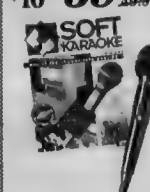
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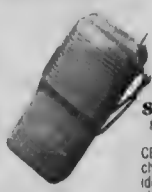


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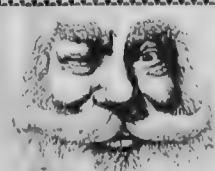
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Sports

TC Atoms use defense to gain tournament win

Haliburton's Tri-County Atoms travelled to Bobcaygeon on Saturday to compete in their annual tournament. Coach John Robinson had a game plan to use the best part of the Huskies' team; strong defence. In game one, Haliburton took to the ice against Sunderland. In the first period it was all Huskies but it wasn't until half way through the first when Shane Campbell picked up a loose puck and deked the pants off the Sunderland goalie. The Huskies still dominated play while missing numerous scoring chances. Derek Pugh made it 2-0 on a nice passing play from Shane Campbell and Laine Roberts. In the second and third, the Huskies seemed to let up and Sunderland was gaining momentum but the Huskies' defence consisting of Logan Roberts, Jamie Doan, Ryan

Kirkpatrick and Matt Hutchinson were at their best to help Andrew Sachs protect his shut-out.

In game two, the Huskies faced off against Beaverton. This was going to be a nail-biter: end to end action with both goalies at their best. It wasn't until the middle of the second when Jamie Willis fed Adam Henry a nice pass who then found an open corner to make it 1-0. The Huskies hung on to their slim lead but Beaverton kept the pressure on and it paid off. With only four minutes to go it was 1-1. As the clock ticked down, overtime was inevitable. The coaching staff knew that in overtime you try to score early so out came the power play. The defence shot the puck in Beaverton's end and the forwards chased it. There was a scramble in front of their net and Derek Pugh poked in the winning

goal at 26 seconds.

The championship game against Douro was all set; the Huskies were hungry for the trophies. The first period got off to a slow start. The Huskies, a better team but maybe too confident, were letting Douro control the game. At the seven minute mark, Gerald Sharp found the net, assisted by Ryan Emmerson and Adam Henry. Douro came back with a late first period goal to tie the game up. In the second, the Huskies got a little spark from good forechecking from Kyle Robinson who made the Douro defence lose the puck. Ryan Kirkpatrick picked up the loose puck, passed it to Adam Henry who put a nice shot on goal and Shane Campbell poked in the rebound.

Ahead 2-1 going into the third, the Huskies finally got a break when Ryan Emmerson stole the puck, passed it back to Logan Roberts and his shot from the blue-line found the bottom corner of the net that broke the game open with Haliburton adding another two goals; one by Derek Pugh assisted by Laine Roberts and Adam Henry and one by Ryan Emmerson assisted by Adam Henry and Jamie Doan. Congratulations went to all the players who won by playing together as a team.

Tykes do well in weekend games

Travelling to Bobcaygeon the Haliburton Minor Tykes showed they can play as well on the road as at home.

Matthew Roberts showed he can not only score goals, but he plays an awesome game in the net allowing the home team only two goals.

After one and a half periods it

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LOCAL STARS: (From left rear) Jennifer Cattell, Jocelyne Eastmure, Erin Kent, Alicia Sales, Tori Brown and Vanessa Eastmure (front) excelled in competition at the Scugog Frolics in Lindsay last week.

Local skaters star at Lindsay meet

Haliburton turned a few heads when members of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club captured two gold, three silver and one bronze medal at the Scugog Frolics in Lindsay on December 4.

The competitors were: Erin Kent, Preliminary IIC; Jennifer Cattell, Preliminary C Flight 2; Jocelyn Eastmure, Preliminary IIC; Vanessa Eastmure, Pre-Novice B; Donald Sanderson, Juvenile Mens; Alicia Sales, Preliminary C Flight 1; and Victoria Browne, Introductory B.

It was the first competition of the season for these skaters yet they managed to set aside their nervousness and put on an outstanding performance. It was a real joy to see all their hard work and dedication pay off.

Tori Browne skated the first competition of her career and performed beautifully to capture fifth place. A terrific start for our budding young star.

Donald Sanderson had a fabu-

lous skate in his first competition in his career. Elvis Stoyko look out!

Congratulations to all who skated in Lindsay. They made their home town club very proud. Keep up the good work.

Tykes earn 3 of 4 possible points

The Jasco Major Tyke players rolled out of bed early, early Saturday, rushed through their morning routines and headed out into the wind and cold for Oakwood. When hockey calls, the Huskies answer even when it means rushing the cereal and forgoing the cartoons.

It was the first game between the Huskies and the Mariposa

Lightning (Oakwood/Little Britain). The teams were well matched and the Haliburton players worked hard to stay on top. Haliburton goals came from Ross Gerry, Adam Hutson and Josh Brown. Daniel Jung and Travis Burke got the assists. The Lightning was only able to strike twice thanks to goaltender

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Nordic News

by JOHN TELJEUR

Volunteers. The very backbone of a non-profit organization. Like many other organizations in the community, the Haliburton Nordic Trails finds itself long on jobs to do and short on people to do them.

The obvious solution would be to cut down on the services we offer or the amount of trails we groom. As obvious as that solution may be, it is equally obvious that none of our ski club members, tourist operators or tourists would be happy to see this unique ski system succumb to that.

No, the answer is to try to enlist as many skiers, business people and interested persons as possible to lend us their various skills and most importantly, time. Even by donating a few hours a week you'll be helping us to alleviate some of the backlog that has been loaded on our dedicated but small core of volunteers.

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Ken Riley

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In the opener of the night it was Bancroft Canadian Tire meeting Rainbow Auto Glass. At the end of one period it was tied 1-1 as Roger Kellar for C.T.C. and Bruce Fleck for Rainbow found net. The Tiremen then went on a rampage, finding a crack in the Rainbow defence, and shattered the Glassmen 8-1. Perry Franksy, Ralph Keeler and Chip Watson all had two and late in third, Kellar got his second. After a slow start C.T.C. now has two wins in a row!

The Kinmount Red Wings showed up for game two wearing the colours of the Maple Leafs hoping to throw off the Haliburton Hawks but the Hawks had a secret of their own in net-minder George (The wall) Schmidt. 'The Wall' stopped everything the Wing-Leafs could throw at him, recording the shut-out as the Hawks

trounced the Kinmounts 13-0. Rick Wood led the way with three goals, Bob Woodcock, Tom Curry, Derrell Stamp and Paul Howe all had two while Willie Greber had a single. It's good to see that the Hawks are finally starting to gel as a unit.

The fans who didn't have to go home when the streetlights came on were rewarded with an excellent show put on by Apsley and Wilberforce Golden Ponders. It was a back and forth first period with both teams getting two, Craig Partridge and Paul Pilon for Apsley, Royden Hawley and Brian Montgomery for Wilberforce. The second was just as close - Partridge got his second for Apsley and Hawley tied it for the Ponders. Early in the third Al Finni put the G.P.'s ahead and the battle continued until with just four minutes left Apsley's Gord Tucker tied it up. The remainder of the game was a free-for-all with good chances at both ends with only 17 seconds left on the clock Al Gronman found net to give the Apsley's 5-4 win! This was a great team effort by Apsley with lots of help from goaltender Phil Rusaw.

Next week Clarkson Plumbers take on Kinmount at 7:00, Apsley meets C.T.C. at 8:10 and Rainbow Auto Glass and Wilberforce G.P.'s at 9:20. So come on down and see history in the makin'.

Novice Cs move up a notch

On Sunday Dec. 5 at the Tri-County Scheduling meeting in Sunderland the Haliburton Novice C's, along with the Fenelon Falls C's, got bumped up into a Novice B Minor Division with 4B teams, Minden, Wilberforce, Mariposa and Woodville. The question on the Haliburton coaches' minds were if the Huskie Rockies could compete with the more experienced B teams.

Well, Tuesday night in Minden the Haliburton boys put their coaches minds to rest with a valiant effort. The Huskies struck first when Kyle Boughner and Dustin Prindville combined to bang in a loose puck dangling in front of the Minden cage. The Monarchs came to life and netted three, taking a commanding lead deep into the third period. With just over 3 minutes remaining the Huskie fans went bonkers when Haliburton centre Shawn MacInnes beat a Minden defender wide, then ripped a wrist shot by the Monarch goalie. With 50 seconds left on the clock Huskie goalie Adam Frybort raced to the bench while forward Joey Sisson raced to Minden's end zone for the extra attacker. The Huskies penned the Monarchs in but

couldn't buy the tying goal. Awesome effort guys. This being their first loss the former Huskie C's unbeaten streak ends at 12 games.

Friday night at 6:30 the Fenelon Minor Novice Bs were in town to take on the Huskies. In two previous meetings these teams had tied 3-3 and 1-1. This game would prove to be a cracker also. From high up in the Dysart arena the game probably looked like a 12 man ping pong match. But when the final buzzer rang the score was Fenelon 2, Haliburton 0. Alex Frybort played great in the Huskie net but Chris Skoog at the other end had the posts with him on this night as the Huskies hit three of them. Better luck next time Huskies.

On to Wilberforce on Saturday the Haliburton boys losing two squeakers in a row weren't throwing in the towel. Both teams came out storming, setting a fierce pace. The Rockets scored two in the first to take an early lead. Chris Jung, André Nichol, Norm Smith and Dustin Prindville tightened up the Defense while Ryan Willis and Danny Craig forcechecked strong at the other end. Haliburton closed to within one when Shawn

MacInnes split the defense and deked a sprawling Billy Hunter. With 40 seconds left in the game Adam Frybort was once again pulled for the extra attacker. Dustin Prindville got the call but Billy Hunter and the Rockets defense shut the door to gain the victory. It was an excellent game by both teams.

Next game is Saturday Dec. 18, 12 noon, when Mariposa visits Haliburton.

Tykes win 3-2

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Jeremy Moynes and solid defense by Daniel Jung, Travis Burke and Adrian Winn. Nick Judge also made a great defensive play when he rushed into his own end to spoil a Mariposa break away. Also contributing to the team effort were Josh Fick with some feisty checking and Andy Dawson who did some excellent work along the boards. Final score was Haliburton 3, Mariposa 2.

Bottle drive information will be posted in town this week. Support the team by saving your refundable bottles. Call Rose 457-4041 or Julie 457-9752 for details.

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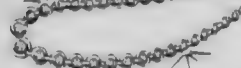


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This week

Board may be headed for a dust up

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

A company that left a trail of employee protests and animosity in the wake of a contract with another school board is being considered for a contract with the Haliburton County Board of Education.

ServiceMaster of Canada Ltd., which is based in Mississauga, made a presentation to the Haliburton board's management committee last Tuesday as a first step to a long-term contract aimed at reorganizing custodial staff.

"We approached them on my initiative," said Director of Education Brad Saunders. "They look at new ways to do old business and ways to save money."

He told the committee that the board's business administrator, Jim Bradley, was a trained accountant not a custodial manager and his work load didn't allow him to give sufficient attention to building maintenance.

For a price, and usually a three- to five-year contract, ServiceMaster reorganizes, retrain and resupplies custodial staff (cleaners, maintenance workers etc.) to provide more efficiency and to better maintain the equipment and buildings in which they work.

The company offers a full-time, on-site ServiceMaster employee, if required, who would report to Bradley and oversee custodians and building maintenance.

From its first forays into educational establishments in 1991, the company has been dogged by employee protests and the outspoken condemnation of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (C.U.P.E.).

There are numerous concerns. They include a loss of jobs, the parachuting in of a management level ServiceMaster employee to oversee staff and the company's ties to its United States affiliate.

All those issues surfaced in Timiskaming, where the board of education implemented a

ServiceMaster program last September.

The board's superintendent of business, Clair Shepherdson, told the Echo there had been "considerable resistance" to the new system.

The Timiskaming board has brought in a full-time ServiceMaster employee, laid off 11 custodians and reorganized work schedules since it signed a ServiceMaster contract last May. (Shepherdson said the contract had called for a phased lay-off of 10 employees over the five years of the contract, but 11 had accepted an early retirement package).

His school board had 42 custodial staff for its 14 schools and 3,800 pupils.

The Haliburton board has 28 custodial staff, eight schools and 2,310 students.

Shepherdson said he approached ServiceMaster three years ago when the board was having some major financial problems and started looking for greater efficiency.

He was told he must have "the cleanest school in the north" with an average of 10,000 to 12,000 square feet for each custodian, when the average was 18,000 to 20,000.

(Bradley said Haliburton's school board has approximately 250,000 sq. ft.).

Shepherdson wouldn't say how much the contract cost the school (it includes the salary of the full-time ServiceMaster employee), but he said ServiceMaster had estimated it could save the board \$750,000 over five years.

He said the company's on-site employee had drawn up a computerized schedule to reorganize staff as well as a plan for preventative maintenance for everything from boilers to roofing.

But he said it had been "slow and difficult because of the personnel problems and considerable resistance from school principals." He said principals are

supporting the custodians' claims the work can't be done under the new schedule.

He said workers are refusing to follow the new schedule, refuse to speak to the new manager and won't use the new equipment.

The staff was being given time for retraining and to adjust to the schedule but Shepherdson said "sooner or later there would be a showdown."

The ServiceMaster representative who made the presentation to the management committee of the Haliburton board said it wasn't the intent of ServiceMaster to abuse the management/custodian relationship.

"Our intent is not to stand with whips and chains, but to provide them with better equipment and training," said Jack Kinch, a director of market development.

During his presentation Kinch acknowledged that the company is still a new player in the education field in Canada and "there is some question of our role."

Saunders said in an interview he was aware of C.U.P.E.'s national position.

"We want to maintain the good relationship (with local union members) and do business in as cost effective way as possible."

If the cost of our involvement was total alienation then I think the board would take a really good look at it."

ServiceMaster of Canada Inc. is supported by its U.S. affiliate, based in Chicago, that has been in business for more than 40 years.

The U.S. company's first management support contracts were

in the health care industry in the U.S. and it expanded into universities and schools there in 1979.

It set up a Canadian operation in 1982 and got into the education field in this country in 1991.

Its promotional material says it offers the "strength and resources of a \$3.4 billion international company" to its customers.

It's those resources that concern C.U.P.E. members.

Haliburton High School custodian Rob Parish, who is vice-president of Local 142 and attended the ServiceMaster presentation, said he hadn't yet spoken to his union's head office.

But he opposed the idea of bringing in equipment, supplies and personnel from the company's Chicago headquarters. Supplies for Haliburton schools are bought from a Canadian-owned company.

He said many of the ideas offered in the presentation had already been suggested by custodial staff in Haliburton schools.

"We do need new equipment. What we have has been cobbled together."

He said they would also benefit from better training and supervision.

But he thought those things could be done locally and didn't know how the board would justify the expense of another employee to supervise the staff.

"Jim (Bradley) has a lot on his plate but bringing in a manager at \$40,000 or \$50,000"

He also questioned the way the company assesses the needs of a school.

"I do it for a living. When he

(Kinch) looked at that room (where the meeting was held) he saw two blackboards, a carpet and two windows. I saw two blackboards that are hardly used, two windows that won't get many fingerprints" because they aren't near the door. "And we have eight classrooms with carpets, with 25 kids in them and everyone eating food there. He goes by the floor space. You have to do the job and know the school."

He said he would be talking to the other custodians to get their views.

Len Salvatori, chairman of the management committee, said he also would be talking to the custodians to get their opinions on what was needed.

"I always thought the system worked fairly well. The schools are awfully, awfully clean."

After the ServiceMaster presentation Saunders told trustees there was no organization of custodial and maintenance duties at the schools and the board couldn't afford to continue with the piecemeal way things were being done.

"Nobody evaluates, trains or regulates the custodians. There's no preventative maintenance....How do we assure standards of cleanliness?"

"We have really good people working very hard. But we have not done the job we should have done to train them."

The committee will discuss the presentation at their next meeting in January.

Jasco Tykes wake up Oakwood

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was 2-0 for Bobcaygeon, then Jesse Johnson scored unassisted. Justin Abbs then rushed up the ice and with a nice move around the goaltender made it a 2-2 game assists going to Chris Martin and Adam Sisson. Jonathan Sharpley sent the puck up the boards to Jesse Johnson who scored the winning goal. Final score was 3-2 Haliburton.

After a day's rest, the Huskies visited the Minden Minors. This game was a fast back and forth game with Adam "Potvin" Trueman making some big saves for the Huskies. The line of Greg Nimigon, Matthew Roberts and Adam "Lightning" Sisson did the scoring for the Huskies.

Minden's Mark Fisher got the first goal of the game then Matthew Roberts answered back after being set up by Greg Nimigon and Adam Sisson. Again Mark Fisher scored to put Minden in front so Matthew Roberts thought it was only fair lay to do the same. Assists again went to Adam Johnson and Greg Nimigon. Dylan Metcalfe was missed but thanks to good defensive work by Justin Abbs, Nick Chumbley, Cody Heins and back checking of Jesse Johnson, Jonathan Sharpley, Chris Marlin. Haliburton held Minden to a 2-2 game. With the win over Bobcaygeon it was a three point Road Trip. The next game is played after New Years.

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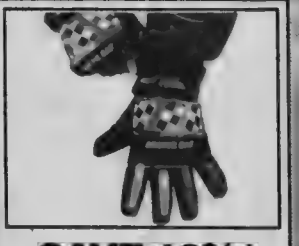


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This week

Trail mapping is at centre of a future tourism plan

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

It isn't Thanksgiving but in the next week or so, the residents of Haliburton County will be asked to take a look around and count their blessings.

And then maybe count out a little cash.

What are those blessings? Lakes, rivers and forests. Culture, the arts and artisans. Sports trails and sports venues. The county has all of these in abundance. But they need something to tie them together — a package — to attract not just tourists but full-time residents who will invest their money and effort to make the county a thriving community.

For two years the Haliburton County Tourism and Recreation Development Committee, led by Steve Heming, has been working on a plan to make that package a reality.

They now know what they want and what they need.

What they want is a map of all the county's activities and attributes linked by a network of "trails".

And what they mostly need is money. An application for funding will be sent to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation in January.

But to have any chance of success it will need the financial support of the community. Heming estimates up to \$25,000 in local donations is needed to back up the application to the ministry.

It's a lot of money but it's also something that could benefit all sectors of the community.

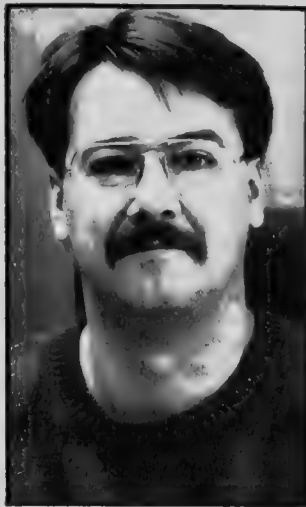
"This is about what Haliburton County could be," said Heming. "There are a lot of people who think this is a great way for our community to grow. It's not just about fishing or snowmobiling, it's all-encompassing. It includes all sections of the community, they are all involved."

It will be a basis for marketing the county for economic development, investment and tourism.

The 'trails network strategy' will provide maps that link the

many, and varied, activities that make the Highlands special.

That needs someone to do an inventory of what the county already has — from ski trails to the studio tour to resorts —, find out what is wanted and needed (perhaps an official canoeing trail linked by resorts, or an historic



Bryan Brown

sites trail), and then draw up a series of packages of 15 or more trails that would be a gateway to the county's resources.

It's the kind of project that's tailor-made for the county's Community Futures committee. Futures co-ordinator Bryan Brown said his organization will be throwing its full weight behind the plan, including a financial contribution.

"People need to realize this is a beautiful place to visit, but also to move to," said Brown.

With Heming he is putting the finishing touches to letters to all 10 municipalities and to the many service clubs and organizations in the county, seeking their financial support.

They are also looking for donations from the public.

They hope to get government funding approved by the spring and a team working on the project by the summer, with a fall deadline to implement the first steps in the plan.

For Heming it's been a long

road, more than two years long, to get to the brink of a trails network development.

It began in November 1991 when more than 70 local people with an interest in the county's future met in a one-day workshop to discuss the county's direction.

The Ministry of the Environment hosted the meeting of politicians, businesses, resort owners and other residents at the Pinestone Inn. "They took us through a process to make us think about what we are and what we could be," said Heming. "We came up with a direction for the county based on what we are — a four-season destination, with natural beauty and an opportunity for growth."

From all that, said Heming, "the word 'trail' just jumped out. We developed everything from there."

The Chamber of Commerce became the umbrella organization for the committee that was formed, chaired by Heming, to guide the idea forward.

The progress since then has involved many sectors of the county whose expertise, enthusiasm and practical contributions resulted in a trails network strategy being drawn up a year later.

It had three major objectives:

- an inventory of existing trails, with details on strengths, limitations and support.
- a trails development strategy to fill in the gaps
- a marketing plan to promote the trails through maps and packages to be distributed to tourism and economic development groups.

Last year the application to the government, for full funding for the project, didn't make the cut and its been on hold since.

For Heming, this is an opportunity to take another shot at funding that can't be missed. The rules have changed, and the ministry will now only fund a portion of the project, so local support is vital.

Heming said it's time to take the lid of the county's economic potential and the best kept secret in Ontario — the Highlands of Haliburton.



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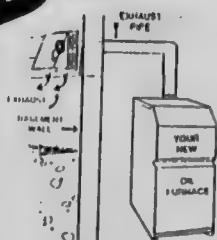
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Congratulations to Amanda Woods of Blairhampton and Bobbi Griffin of Snowdon who have been chosen to represent the Minden and Haliburton Rotary Clubs, respectively, during next year's exchange program. Both young women are students of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and will be proud ambassadors of their communities.

Congratulations also to Echo columnist David Carroll, who has delighted readers with his musings from Pine Point, Kennis Lake. He recently came in third in the University of Guelph Alumnus writing competition, which featured the work of more than 400 creative writers. Carroll's short story, Cold Blooded, "traces the development of a romance between lonley co-workers at a book-supply firm." He's now writing his column every second week so he can devote more time to his creative writing. Will Kennis Lake be the setting for a future Governor General's Award winner?

Don't forget to bring your food or money donation to the fundraising hockey game between the Haliburton Fire Department and the Minden OPP detachment. (Won't the referees be tempted to get even for any speeding tickets some of those hockey players may have issued during their day job?) The fun begins at 7:30 at the Dysart arena on Saturday, Dec. 18. The food and cash donations will go to the 4Cs for the Christmas food drive.

With all this flying around from village to village, Santa Claus is getting very hungry. So on Dec. 18 he'll be at the Ridgeview Restaurant in Harcourt from 2 to 5. All children aged 10 and younger who live in the eastern part of the county are invited to attend. Presents have been donated by several local businesses.

Still in the eastern half of the county, the Wilberforce Outpost Museum will be hosting an Open House on Monday, Dec. 20 from 2 to 4.

Due to the social contract, the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College will be closed to the public from December 20 to 24. Then, the regular Christmas holiday will be from the 25th to January 2. The closures will not affect vocational training which is being conducted off-site during these periods.

Haliburton County has the opportunity to attract more than 120 women snowmobilers to the Highlands. Women on Snow started in Michigan nine years ago and changes location every five years. This winter will be the last year it's held in Sudbury, and now some local organizers want to try to get it here. Women arrive on snowmobile on the Friday night and stay until Sunday. If you'd like to be part of the Highlands' proposal, you're invited to attend the meeting on Wednesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre.

Berry says Minden council needs more support to fight for hospital

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"The loss of either hospital would devastate either village in my opinion," Berry told the standing-room-only crowd of 150 that filled the auditorium at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home.

He said the council had been working hard to save the village's hospital.

"We have as council secured the support of residents to save

Minden Hospital. We need more support," said Berry, to strong applause from the audience.

He said the ministry's demand that the county residents raise \$4.1 million to contribute to the upgrading of the health care facilities was unrealistic in a county with high unemployment and a low average income.

"I don't blame St. Joseph's (for the ministry's ruling). I don't know what to do....I'm just as

upset as you are," he told the audience.

He said later that the tone of the meeting, at which Lussing was constantly heckled, was a reflection of the strength of public concern.

"I think the audience was shocked at the thought of losing the hospital. It would be devastating."

He thought council would be willing to accept Lussing's offer to have community representatives look over the financial statements of the local hospitals.

Members of the public at the meeting had questioned the validity of the hospital's continuing deficit and Lussing has offered to send accountants to Minden with detailed bookkeeping information.

Stouffer building budget on target

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the December 7 meeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education's management committee.

Stouffer costs

A preliminary report on the cost of the construction at Archie Stouffer Public School shows it over its \$5.5-million budget by \$29,881. Business administrator Jim Bradley said the over-run included \$288,026 in extra charges that have not yet been approved and the figure could very well be reduced. The extra charges accrued from on-site alterations and have to be reviewed in detail before approval is given. They include generalized charges such as \$11,356.69 for "Misc. gypsum changes" and \$26,741.01 for "Misc. masonry changes". Sundry expenses include \$105,930 for the removal of asbestos and \$3,854 for soil testing. Architects fees are estimated at \$500,000.

Director of Education Brad Saunders said publication of the preliminary budget figures would quell rumours the construction was excessively over budget. He said Bradley had

done "a super job bringing (the project) in on target."

Those gates again

The committee approved a list of recommendations for closing gates at four of the board's schools. With a great deal of reluctance, trustees agreed to leave the gates at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School open at all times unless closure was requested for a specific reason by the principal or board. After much discussion on safety and security, and keeping unwanted visitors off the property, they went along with the move by J.D. Hodgson principal McKay Brydon, as trustee LeRoy Eager put it "at least until the horse gets out and then we'll close it". Until Brydon's new policy of accessibility opened the gates, they had been closed every night at 11 p.m. and been kept locked on weekends.

The other gate rules are: Archie Stouffer open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday and closed all other times. Board of Education office open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and closed all other times. Haliburton Highlands High School open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Friday and closed at all other times unless opened for a specific purpose at the request of the principal or board. Until

this policy was drafted the board had left gate opening and closing to the discretion of principals and administration. The proposals will now go to the full board for approval.

And the keys

Bradley will be drawing up a policy on school key distribution. Once again trustees have been concerned about accessibility, safety and security. Bradley sought guidance on the policy direction and all trustees agreed teachers should have keys, although with some qualifications. The board had surveyed teachers and found wholehearted support for continuing the current policy of allowing teachers virtually unlimited access to their schools. Dysart trustee Tim Casey said teachers were professionals and should get keys. Eager agreed but warned that the board had no control when everyone had keys.

Board chairman Wally Bunn said there had been carelessness by keyholders in the past. There have been cases where teachers had failed to lock up after leaving the building. He suggested the policy include a register of holders and a method of recovering keys when teachers moved to another school.

Saunders said key holders had to understand it is a privilege, not

a right, to have a key to school property. He cited a list of abuses in recent years including an incident in which a teacher gave a school key to their child to use the basketball courts and another who brought a load of lumber in to plane on school equipment. He said the policy should include a mechanism for withdrawing the privilege if it's abused. Committee chairman Len Salvatori said it was important to draw up a policy that didn't threaten the good relationship between the board and teachers. "That works both ways," said Bunn.

Contracts

The committee will recommend to the board acceptance of the following tenders for work on school board properties.

Plumbing: Whitfield Plumbing and Heating; electrical: Sharp Electric; Carpentry: C.W. Hicks; air conditioning: Walker's Heating and Cooling. They also accepted a tender from Kernohan Construction to remove snow from the front parking lot at Archie Stouffer for \$87.50.

The board has negotiated an agreement with Anson, Hindon, Minden to plough the new bus loop-road at the school for \$35 a trip.



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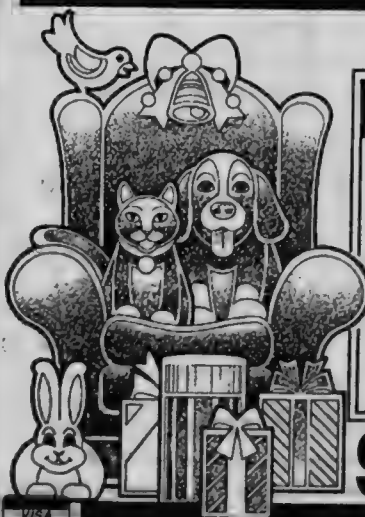
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Points of view

Gas prices in Haliburton drive customers out of town

To the Editor

from our Readers

To the Editor:

A few days ago, I had to go to Toronto, and after leaving Haliburton, I didn't have to pass very many gas stations to see just how badly the residents of Haliburton are being ripped off by local gas dealers. I filled my tank up for 47.5¢ per litre when the price here was 54.9¢, a differ-

ence of 7.4¢ per litre. I have a large gas tank on my truck, and it took 92 litres to fill it. I saved \$6.80 on that one fill up. Believe me, from now on the back of my truck will be filled with gas cans every time I go out of town.

Gas station operators in Haliburton have given new meaning to the expression "supply and demand". As long as there is no other supply they will demand what they please!

E.R. Pickard,
Redstone Lake.

Why pay \$23,000 to a non-resident?

To the Editor:

Victoria-Haliburton is facing both a provincial by-election and a provincial election in the very near future. The provincial returning officer receives a \$13,000 election fee and a \$10,000 office allowance for each election. Apparently, our returning officer is not a year round resident of the community. This raises two questions for me. If the returning officer is not a year round resident, how can she properly represent this community as the returning officer? How can the money that is made by the returning officer benefit this community if the returning officer is not a year round resident?

Victoria-Haliburton is faced with 20-30% unemployment. Now, I am very happy for the good fortune of the current returning officer if she can afford a residence in two countries. However, surely we can find a very capable

returning officer in the community who stays in the community for the bulk of the year and who may be more in need than the current returning officer. In this way, the returning officer could stay abreast of developments in the community, and the money made by the returning officer would more likely be spent in the community, thereby benefiting the community as a whole.

I have written a letter to the Premier and the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario, Mr. Warren Bailie at 51 Rolark Drive, Scarborough, M1R 3B1 to express my concern. If you are concerned about this situation I would urge you to write a letter as well. I think that we have learned a lesson from last years Senate increase outrage. When enough people make noise, changes will take place.

Gloria Welsh,
Dunsford, Ontario.

Earth article "honest and revealing"

To the Editor:

It's been several weeks now since I commented on an article about Camp Wanakita's discussion on Earth Walk. It is a program designed primarily to educate people about the environmental problems facing modern man and "hopefully", influence future generations in their responsibilities and attitudes if we are to salvage anything of a hurting ravaged earth - not to mention mankind. My intention was to bring to the attention of young parents enough concern so that instead of saying "Oh, Just another school trip" they will thoroughly investigate the program and the teachers. No harm there.

A couple of weeks later Dave Newnam responded to my letter with a very informative report on the credentials and qualification of all involved, he himself being Coordinator

International Earth Education Conference Haliburton.

Boy, I'm impressed and appreciate it. However I was somewhat concerned over certain methods used although I understand the problems of trying to teach the character of Earth and Man's place in it without teaching the character of the creator and where he placed man in it.

I don't believe I noticed a Christian Education Graduate on the list; perhaps it was overlooked.

In my opinion the article was very honest and revealing, rather than "a lighthearted description of a certain event."

A credit to the Echo.

R.H. Henderson,
West Guilford.

A mutual benefit from helping others

To the Editor:

Why should I help people in far away countries when there is so much need right here in Canada? This is a question I hear countless times. Because The Unitarian Service Committee of Canada (USC Canada) has thousands of Canadian supporters, I feel it more appropriate to ask why do so many Canadians continue to support people in other less fortunate countries when we have pressing economic problems at home.

Generous Canadians give support to our world's poorest, not as a replacement but in

addition to our efforts here at home. We pride ourselves on being compassionate people and think this is still our strongest motivation for giving. There is also a growing awareness that there is a mutual benefit derived from helping others.

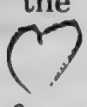
It is important to remember as we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah that we depend on one another for our survival, for our economic prosperity and for breaking the pattern of poverty.

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What he did not surmise by what he saw, Mike often felt in words. Some children, especially the young ones, were very chatty. A respectful grownup opened conversational doors without ever trying. More than once Mike had blushed at the information innocently and freely given by his young passengers. Then there were the silent ones. They could also speak volumes, their anguished eyes meeting Mike's at the most unexpected, unguarded moments.

In addition to the school children, Mike was kept busy transporting seniors and other less independently mobile residents between appointments and their homes. There were also trips and tours out of town and these he especially enjoyed. Mike had a special talent for striking just the right note with whomever his passengers may be.

Older people liked him for the same reason younger ones did. He expected and delivered individual respect and courtesy without ever crossing the line to become officious or condescending. He found himself cast into the role of

confessor and advisor on many occasions. This caused Mike more than mild consternation as he keenly felt the responsibility that accompanied these roles. But there was nothing he could do about it. His nature dictated his destiny.

In the final analysis, perhaps Mike's truest role was as the keeper of secrets. If ever someone had a pipeline to every social level within the community, Mike was that person. His knowledge, based on observations and first hand accounts, was set quietly away to be shared with no one. These were the stories that should have been left locked in the bus every night but often refused to stay so confined. They followed him home, tugging at his mind through supper, prolonging his wakefulness at night.

Experience had taught him that he could rarely act upon what he saw and heard during his daily drives. In many cases it would be intrusive, possibly even dangerous, to try. But there were little pleasures. Like the time he was able to track down someone to bury one sick old person who quietly died one year just before Christmas. That one had kept Mike awake many a night. In the end, he had felt he had helped the old fellow on his way to the next stop. And after all, isn't that what a good bus driver should do?

One out of three for safe-cracking thieves

Thieves escaped with \$1,000 cash after breaking into the safe at General Lee's restaurant in Minden early last Wednesday morning.

The OPP said two other attempted thefts in Haliburton, one at the post office and the other at Perfect Prints, were apparently connected to the Minden theft.

In all three cases doors or windows were extensively damaged in the break-in and attempts were made to pry open the safes.

At the post office, the thieves

tore open some incoming parcels when they were unable to open the safe. Recipients were contacted, but the OPP said nothing appeared to be missing.

At Perfect Prints \$150 in cash

was taken and the shop's door was badly damaged.

The thefts were discovered when the businesses opened on Wednesday morning.

Hearing continues on Nystedt case

The preliminary hearing for the man accused of murder in the death of Minden OPP Constable Eric Nystedt has been held over to January 5. A decision on whether the case will go to trial is expected on that date.

Lenard Roy Phillips of Fenelon Falls is charged with first degree murder. He has pleaded not guilty. A publication ban has been imposed on testimony at the preliminary hearing which is continuing this week.

Pay-as-you-go is the best plan

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nurturing our family lives, the more stress, illness, troubles, and costs to solve these dilemmas. And the circle goes on.

Whatever happened to pay-as-you-go? Do you know, the best thing Ed and I did to ease our budget woes years ago, was to take out our two credit cards and cut them up in little pieces. Did you know that there is still a wonderful plan out there called 'lay away'? It might take a little longer to get things, but when you take them home, they're yours.

When it comes to kids, all those grand toys

underneath the Christmas tree don't mean a thing if mom and dad aren't there to help play with them. And you need time to read them the stories from those gift books. Time is what kids need from us the most. Even if that time is spent doing something as simple as walking around a lake, holding their hands, and stopping now and then to examine the earth.

As gifts go, time is the sweetest gift of all. Giving someone a piece of our time won't mess it also has a lot to do with the real meaning of Christmas. That meaning is love.

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Community news

Ontario Rangers learn outdoors

The Ministry of Natural Resources is inviting young people who love the outdoors or who just want a chance to experience it to apply now to become a Ranger through the Ontario Ranger Program.

The program, which runs for eight weeks beginning in late June or early July, provides opportunities for young people (male and female) to learn first-hand about fish, wildlife, parks, water, land and forest management. Participants will undertake a variety of activities ranging from planting trees to creating portages. They will also learn about many aspects of outdoor life including canoeing and first aid.

To be eligible for one of the 432 positions available for the 1994 season, applicants must be in their 17th year, born between August 1, 1976 and December 31, 1977. They must also be attending school and reside in Ontario.

The deadline for submitting application for the 1994 season is January 31, 1994.

Funding for seniors helps with costs of home changes

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation continues to provide funding to seniors, from the "Home Adaptions for Seniors' Independence" program (HASI).

The "HASI" program is designed to help low-income seniors pay for home adaptions so they can extend the time they can live in their own homes independently.

One-time grants of up to \$2,500 are available to qualified seniors. These modifications include things like relocating light switches, installing lever door handles, providing grab bars and slip-resistant finishes in bathrooms and showers, hazard warning lights or handrails in halls and stairways.

If you or a family member would like more information or an application, please contact the Peterborough office of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation at (705) 743-3584. Brochures are available at your nearest Information Centre.

Ontario Rangers earn approximately \$36 a day, and work five days a week. They also receive free room and board and a partial subsidy for travel costs.

The selection process provides an equal opportunity for all eligible candidates. It is

based on a computerized geographic random draw of all applications received by MNR's Youth Programs Office, which administers the Ranger Program.

Applications for Ontario Ranger positions are available from all secondary schools

across Ontario or from local Ministry of Natural Resources offices. Applications may also be obtained by contacting the ministry's Youth Programs Office, Box 6900, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B1 or by calling collect (705) 740-1208.

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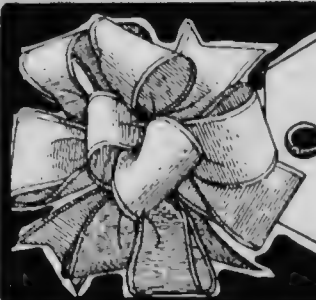
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Getting to the *a* *r* *t* of the matter

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

IF YOU'VE HAD BAGUETTES for breakfast in Paris, slipped over to New York City for an evening of theatre on Broadway, spent a year strolling down the historic streets of Amsterdam, and survived California's highways on your way to work in the Silicon Valley, where would you choose to retire?

High in the hills of Haliburton, of course. "We've lived in Toronto, New Jersey, Amsterdam, California and Paris," says Marion Hare, relaxing in the living room of her home above the Eagle Lake ski hills while her husband Bill works on his computer upstairs. "Each one of them was an interesting experience, but none of them add up to what this is for us. Since we no longer have to be anywhere for business, this is the place we want to be."

A few years into their retirement and waiting for their new house to be built in Haliburton, the Hares are renting a house surrounded by forests just next to Sir Sam's Ski Area. When the snow falls, they are able to see the blur of colourful jackets as skiers whiz down the slopes. The Hares, however, contrary to their name, prefer the more leisurely pursuit of cross country skiing along the road that links their house to both civilization and even more forests and solitude. And now, in her "spare" time, Mrs. Hare is going to write a column on the arts for us. We thought this was a fitting addition to the *Echo*, since art and craftsmanship is such a vital part of the Highlands' social and economic life.

But it's not just the wealth of artistic inspiration which has brought them here. It's more like



Marion Hare's love of sculpture has taken her to Paris, but her real love is in Haliburton

being able to enjoy all the best things of childhood all over again.

From the time she was a baby, Mrs. Hare's family rented a cottage for the month of July at Ackerman's Lodge on Hall's Lake. Nearly all of her childhood memories are of that idyllic month, when responsibilities disappear for parents and children are free to run and play and have fun at will.

Just a few miles away, but unbeknownst to her at the time, a young Bill Hare was spending his summers on 12 Mile Lake. He too thrived in the Highlands and in later years would work hard to make sure that other young boys could benefit from all it has to offer. He and long-time friend Ross Partridge - a cottager turned resident on Soyers Lake - were among the founders of the Haliburton Scout Reserve in the late 1940s.

Marion was in high school in Toronto when she met Bill, who at 17 was beginning his university education at the University of Toronto. Their first date was the foundation of a marriage that is still going strong after 40 years.

Neither one of them knew that they would spend their life together in so many different places. After earning his PhD in physics from U of T - he had his orals on the day his first child was born - Dr. Hare received a post-doctorate fellowship for a year in the Netherlands. With their infant son Tom bundled up, the young family left kith and kin and settled in a small town just outside of Amsterdam.

Before anyone accuses them of parental folly, Mrs. Hare smiles and says "If you ever want to

travel to a foreign country, take a baby. That baby is the best passport you can have to anywhere." Customs officers wave you through ahead of the crowd. Strangers cluck and coo over the baby, proving once again that baby talk breaks all language barriers. Hotel staff make sure you have everything you need. It was a wonderful experience.

After the year was over, the Hares came back to Canada. But in the 1950s, there weren't many job openings for physicists so they jumped at the chance for a job in New Jersey, a state which sometimes resembles a huge suburb of New York City. It was here that their other three children were born: David, Sharon and Janice.

To listen to most Canadians talk, the United States is the best place in the world to live. But the Hares quickly realized that if their children were to get a good, solid education, they needed to return to Canada. The school system was simply much better back home. So five years later, they were living in Toronto.

Canada's schools might be better, but once you graduate, however, sometimes the better jobs are in the States. The Hares weren't in Toronto long when Dr. Hare was offered a job in San Francisco, where the computer industry was beginning to take root and flourish. It was moving time - again.

Now, when the Hares married, there was an unspoken understanding that they would have children early in their marriage and once the children were in school, Mrs. Hare would get her own university education. There had never

been any question that she wouldn't continue her education; it was only a matter of when.

"An awful lot of the credit has to be given to my parents. They cared about my education" says Mrs. Hare, who now has a PhD in art history. As well, "I've never had a teacher who ever led me to think I could never do anything I wanted."

She had taken a few courses at York University while in Toronto, but her husband wanted her to enroll in the Bachelor of Arts program at Stanford University. Stanford may have been used to hippies and flower power, but it didn't know what to make of this Canadian who was older than most of the teachers.

Mrs. Hare laughs. "I was this 35-year-old lady from Canada with four kids and they wanted to see what this thing looked like."

In those days, you could study part-time only if you needed a job to pay for your education. Raising four children wasn't considered a job so Mrs. Hare simply had to become a full-time student. And forget about sexism and racism; her main problem was "ageism". When she got her degree in Honours English and communications - they were astounded she had a double major and belatedly told her it was against the rules - she applied for graduate school. Stanford said no because the rule was you couldn't be older than 25. As she was told, in the department she was applying to "we have 100 applicants and the eight we choose have no flaws. Being older than 35 is a flaw."

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A child's love of dance becomes life-long journey

by LINDA SHUTT
Staff Reporter

ONCE AGAIN, Diana Williams is dreaming of dancing. For the Ottawa-born music instructor, ballet, which was such a large part of her life as a teenager, is again filling her days.

Recently moved to Haliburton County, Williams is rediscovering the excitement of that consuming love as she prepares to bring dance and music lessons to the county's youngsters.

She plans to start her lessons at the Haliburton arena in January. And, she says, her aim is to instill in the children the joy and freedom that comes from the performing arts, a joy that began for her as a Grade 9 student living out west.

"For me it started in Saskatchewan, when someone came to town doing very much as I'm doing - teaching ballet lessons," says Williams, as she sips tea in the kitchen of her new home in Kinmount.

And she fell in love with dance.

Her interest developed to the point that twice a week, Williams' mother drove her young daughter the one-and-a-half hour journey from their home in a small town in Saskatchewan to Saskatoon, where Williams took lessons and cultivated her love of movement and music.

And for her it was a total involvement, one that took her eventually to study dance at the



Royal Winnipeg Ballet and then the University of Saskatchewan.

Back then, she remembers, even her dreams were filled with music and dance.

"I've always been a little bit like that. Totally involved in something...and now, well, it's... all of a sudden I want to do something," she says with a laugh. "And I'm dreaming about teaching

dance. It's really excited me again."

Small and slender, with her dark hair cut sharply across the top of her round, wire-rimmed glasses, she gestures emphatically as she speaks, her hands duplicating her words.

"I love teaching. It's just my element."

She may have been away from ballet for a while, but never music.

When she realized the limitations of her career in ballet, she developed her teaching skills. After earning an honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Ottawa, she went to Hungary for two years to study music teaching.

In teaching she found an even greater joy than her own dancing.

And now she will combine the two.

Her classes will accept children from four- to 12-years-old. She says it's important for children to learn an appreciation for the arts at a young age.

"A lot of people think 'What can you teach a four-year-old?' But at that age there's a lot of preparation to start them in dance."

How to step to a beat. Is the music happy or sad? In pre-ballet classes, they learn how to stand with poise, how to point their toes.

Williams said she works with images a lot.

"Children respond very well to pictures, very simple images. Imagine a garland around your hair, and a veil and tell them 'You're a princess' and suddenly..." And there in her kitchen, she

adopts the imagined regal bearing of the character.

She taught music, particularly piano, most recently at the Waldorf school in Ottawa, where her 10-year-old son was a pupil.

The Waldorf is a private school with the emphasis on the arts.

"They don't push reading and writing until Grade 3 or 4. They first learn holistically."

There are three steps to learning under such a system. It starts with will power - like a kicking baby, children want to move - and then develops skills that involve "the heart", making beautiful things, drawing, crafts.

The head comes later. Until then they explore body movement, colour, their creative side.

She brings out a stack of her son's school workbooks.

They are all large, about 24 inches tall, with plenty of room to be creative.

His geometry book, of work done at age 8 and 9, is filled with beautifully wrought circles and other shapes, carefully coloured to emphasize the different geometrical structures.

She points to a diagram of a circle, in which a multitude of petal shapes have been created by drawing yet more circles over each other.

She will use this in her dance lessons, getting her young students to stand in a circle and step out the curved lines of the petal.

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A lot of learning helps student master the arts

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"Everyone had the idea that the older you get, the less you are able to learn," says Mrs. Hare. And while it does take a bit more effort to get the grey cells working, she excelled in university. (One night before an exam, however, her son switched off the television and scolded her that the household rule was you couldn't watch tv on the night before an exam. She hit the books like an obedient mother. Now her four-year-old granddaughter says that after schools she's going to go to university "forever.")

"The key to being able to learn is the length of your concentration. For me, it's as good today as it was back then. Most people feel it's gone but it isn't. It can be a struggle though."

It was more of a struggle to get Stanford to allow her to study for her PhD. After three years, she essentially got in through the back door and was "on test" for the first year. Almost begrudgingly, Stanford had to let her stay. She was 47, and would be 51 by the time she could add those three letters after her name.

By this time, her own children were in university, and she could concentrate on her studies. ("It was an easy way for a mother to get through the empty nest transition.") She had chosen art history because she has an innate sense of design. She can't draw a thing, but she can appreciate a good drawing and knows when she is looking at a bad one. "I can see things in place but God didn't put the talent into my hands."

After earning her BA she had worked as a docent in an art museum, and taught courses to other docents, and through this, she discovered that her real love was sculpture. During the four years it took to earn her PhD, she specialized in Auguste Rodin, studying every piece of sculpture, every drawing, every portrait.

Now, North America is not exactly known as a treasure chest of Rodin's art or memorabilia. One of the drawbacks of choosing a European artist was that for three three-month periods, she'd have to leave her husband behind and live in Paris. Paris is a magnificent city, but it's also a city made for couples.

"That was a testing time because you're absolutely alone," she says. "On some nights, it was the only time I said 'Why am I doing this?' I often look back and say 'Was it worth it?', but I love to learn and I like to share what I have learned."

Of course, in other ways, she had a marvellous time. Many hours were spent sifting through dusty documents in museum archives, but she also got to be the detective, tracking down letters to and from Rodin that may provide a clue about why he painted a certain face, why he captured a certain mood. Doors opened to her that would otherwise remain shut. She met fascinating people and filled her soul with art and beauty.

Unfortunately, after earning her PhD she became ill and had to put her other interests aside. But she can look back on an education and career that included working at art museums, writing art reviews and teaching at York University. In essence, her quest has been to help others understand why art is so essential to us, whether we recognize that or not.

And now she is going to continue on that journey in the Highlands. Every two weeks, she will write a column about art. It won't necessarily be a review on the exhibit at the Ralls' End Gallery, but it will be an exploration of art and how we can all appreciate it a little better.

That they're back in the Highlands is a matter of serendipity. One of their daughters, Sharon, went to Queen's University, where she befriended a young woman named Marnie Blair. One day Sharon phoned her parents in California and told them about her new friend, who happened to come from a town they'd probably never heard of, Haliburton. Haliburton!, the Hares replied. Didn't Sharon remember those "when I

was a kid at the cottage" stories, and that her two brothers went to Camp Allsaw in Haliburton?

When the Hares retired back in Canada, they came up to Haliburton to look for land and the first person they called on was Marnie's father, Lee. Lee introduced them to Rex Boice, who just happened to be developing Redstone Lake. It was settled. The Hares bought enough land so that if their children - who surprisingly all live in Ontario given their globe-trotting ways - ever wanted to build up there, they know they'd be welcome.

However, the cottage at Redstone only has

boat access, so the Hares are happily wintering in Eagle Lake. They are content and at peace with the world.

On a wet December afternoon, the trees are bare and the snow is only hinting at what is yet to come. There's a fire going in the fireplace and there's still enough Christmas cake on the table to make you forget about New Year's resolutions. Everything is as it should be.

"I'm home - this is home," says Marion Hare, gesturing towards the window. "I had never really understood people who have to see their homeland before they die, but now I know why. We wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

When is a museum not a museum?

Art and Me
Marion J. Hare

TRAIPSING THROUGH great museums and art galleries has become one of our North American pastimes. The goal as often seems to be an attempt to cover an entire collection as it is to seriously enrich our minds. But with such an abundance of riches available in any art gallery or museum how can we leave with anything but a sense of overload—too great a feast for our eyes, and if we are part of a tour, too many facts for our ears. Too often we retain only a general impression of wonders seen and information imparted. We later may recall the excursion clearly but the specifics only vaguely.

Years ago, having observed frequently the above scenario, I began to devise a method that would hopefully help friends and family (those who are so inclined) to gain depth from a day of museum or art gallery touring.

My advice comes in two parts and since both were the result of my own experiences I shall relate them, hoping in the process to make converts of some of you.

PART I: One day many years ago while standing in a museum lobby I overheard two elderly ladies discussing which of the works they had seen that day that impressed them most. That gave me an idea for escorting those of our children who were willing to museum hop with me.

In the museum or public art gallery we would each choose the work we intended to buy that day (we pretended that it was for sale and we had sufficient funds—neither ever the case). Thus from the moment of entry the selection process began. As we looked we each quickly rejected some works, more seriously considered others, then would finally come down to a few, only one of which could be chosen. Much scurrying back and forth ensued. When we finally met again at a predetermined time in the lobby each would have a favorite and must then tell why this work had been chosen. More than once two wanted the same work and then truly serious discussions were held for each work could only have one buyer.

There were many benefits from this. Children and adults alike looked more carefully at many works for which they had an affinity, and did not clutter up their memories with works that did not interest. Each saw and evaluated their choice based on their own level of comprehension—the eight year old's assessment was as valid as the adult's. Museum memories are no longer merely vague ones of having seen many paintings, with time and locales a blur, for each trip became associated with specific works in certain museums.

Another lasting benefit—years later we still can remember what we each "bought" on a certain day in a certain gallery and this sometimes sparks new discussions.

But over time we did become too enthusiastic with our game. Last year my husband, Bill, and I

were visiting an old friend who has a gem of a private collection. The two of us became intent upon choosing the works we wanted to buy. Only gradually did we become aware of the look of consternation on our friend's face. He didn't know of our game and at best thought us impolite and at worst predatory.—Laughingly we explained and since we are old friends he accepted our explanation.

Before I continue, a slight digression. When is a museum a museum and when is it an art gallery?

MUSEUM: The name is intended to denote a building that houses examples of ancient art, specimens of natural history and even works from areas that are not mainstream to our culture. These works are for viewing, not for sale.

ART GALLERY: The name describes the contents. But there are two kinds of art galleries—those for viewing and those that sell the works displayed.

That seems simple enough except that the Americans changed the designation. An art gallery with some notable exceptions (the National Gallery in Washington being one) primarily sells its wares. Thus, in the U.S.A. the name museum came to cover both museum artifacts as well as paintings and sculpture from our own civilization—works that were for viewing not for sale. The New York Metropolitan Museum of Art is a notable example. The American nomenclature has spread, yet the other system has remained so that the distinct division between Museum and Art Gallery is often blurred, especially in the United States. Digression over, on to my next museum trekking method in my next column.

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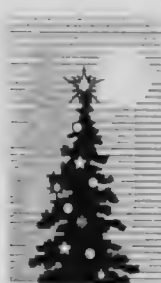
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8:00pm to 1:00am; 1st Annual Canoe Club New Year's Eve Bash. Live DJ, Karaoke, and party favours are all part of the party as everyone counts down to 1994!

The practical support of her mother helped foster Diana Williams' love of music and dance. Here, at her Kinmount home, she practises classical music that she will use to help local children develop that same love



A love of dance nurtures an enthusiasm to teach

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"It's combining the laws of nature, (geometry and) what they see outside and integrating it into ballet steps."

It's this planning -- the structure, the music she will use -- that is exciting her now.

She is taking her own individual coaching from an instructor in Lindsay and planning her classes.

As well as ballet, she will teach improvised dancing, telling a story and letting the children develop it. What steps would you use as you stride through a forest? What body movements? What music?

She says the lessons will use more than the traditional ballet roles such as prince and princess.

Once again she brings out a book. This one a colourfully illustrated book of Greek mythology. Gaea has particularly interested her -- the story of the earth mother.

It is full of powerful images.

"I want to bring out their inner power and strength... for girls too. Not just princess roles."

As well as the dance she is planning her music. She will use classical, mostly, Debussy, "to me it's like water, it suits free form dancing", and some Bach and Handel for the regular beat of the stepping exercises.

She left her grand piano in Ottawa when she moved to Kinmount in the fall, but she has a key board sitting in her living room, and will tape some of her own pieces for the classes.

What she likes most about teaching is break-

ing things down into understandable bits and seeing a child grasp the lesson.

But she says, after 20 years of teaching, what she's learned is also important is knowing when to stop.

"A really big key is to watch carefully to see the spot coming where they've had enough. When to stop. It's very subtle. If you're so intent on being the teacher, on yourself, you won't see it. It depends on how willing you are to be with that person."

For Williams, whose life was changed by a visiting dance instructor, being introduced to the performing arts is important for young people. She knows in a small community like Haliburton, getting that introduction can be hard.

"Being out here we have to create that ourselves, we have to make an effort to do that."

Last year she surprised her mother by telling her how much those long journeys to Saskatoon meant to her.

"I realized what a commitment it was... how much it meant to me."

She is hoping to open that same door to the arts for her own students.

Diana Williams is planning to start classes on January 3 at the Haliburton arena. There will be three classes each Monday for boys and girls aged four and five, age six to eight, and ages nine to 12.

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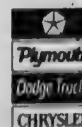
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People

Recipe for a happy holiday: Mix in a lot of food with family

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

JOANNE SHARPLEY doesn't speak with a French accent and she has a very English name. But as soon as she starts talking about Christmas and its celebration of food and family, you know that appearances are deceiving. She's as Quebecois as Quebecois can be.

"I have wonderful, wonderful childhood memories of Christmas," she says as she takes a rare pause at her Head Lake home during an especially busy season. "I associate it with entertaining and people and being together with love and togetherness... We never leave the dining room table until midnight."

She and her two sisters grew up in Hull and they always called their house "Hotel Charlebois" because of all the people who would be staying overnight or enjoying the family's hospitality. Their father is French-Canadian through and through. (His parents recently celebrated their 75th - yes, 75th!! - anniversary at their home in a small town between Hull and Montreal, providing a link between old and new Quebec.) And their English-speaking mother grew up in Nova Scotia with a bit of German ancestry tossed in.

As a result of this mixed heritage, their Christmas is not entirely French, nor entirely English. In that way, you could call it truly Canadian.

From her father, Mrs. Sharpley has nurtured her love of people. Nothing makes Mr. Charlebois happier than having a house full of happy, laughing people. He has that conviviality that makes him think nothing of phoning his wife at seven in the evening and saying that he's bringing a few of his golfing partners home for dinner.

With a husband like that, it's not surprising that Mrs. Charlebois has become an excellent and efficient cook. She quickly learned that there was nothing she could do but shrug her shoulders and turn on the oven when her husband was in an entertaining mood.

"She'd always say yes," says Mrs. Sharpley, who gladly did the same thing when her husband Glen invited his Minnesota North Stars teammates home for dinner. However, she says she still hasn't mastered her mother's trick of always having home-made meals ready in the freezer.

"My mother always told me you have lots of food left over," says the dynamic woman who

has been known to invite 45 people to a birthday party and host dinners where both the guests and the table are groaning because of so much food. She has taken her mother's time-tested recipes and adapted them to her own tastes. When you mix in her father's sociability, the Sharpley home is often in a whirl of activity. To her, a home full of people is a happy home.

"God has blessed us with this house," she says. "I use it to glorify Him - let's use it to reach out to others."

Although she thinks nothing of spending hours on a meal, using only fresh or home-made ingredients, she stresses that she is not a fancy cook. "I'm a hearty cook - there's always lots of food."

And at no time is there more food than at Christmas.

When she was growing up, the family always went to Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. But unlike other Quebecois families who then went home to "eat and eat and eat and open your pre-

sents", the Charlebois children excitedly hung up their stockings and went to bed. In their mother's English tradition, it was only after the presents were opened and shared on Christmas day that the family sat down for a feast. This was also one of the only days that they had no visitors, because Christmas day was truly a time for family.

The boisterous celebration was always on *le Jour de l'An*, or New Year's Eve, when all the brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins and grandchildren gathered at Mrs. Sharpley's grandparents' farm. "My grandparents are the backbone of my French Canadian love of people. They have that *joie de vivre*."

She remembers that as soon as they walked in the door, the children, young and old, would get down on their knees and ask for their grand-père's benediction, which was always solemnly given. As Mrs. Sharpley often stresses, "Jesus is the reason for the season" and God is always made part of the family's celebration. He's the only one who can provide them with a few moments of quiet, too, as you can imagine with all those people gathered in one small house.

The meal wasn't a surprise, but it was just as delicious year after year after year. In Quebec tradition, the men would all sit down together and the women would serve them. When the men then went into another room to talk and smoke, the women would then feed themselves, and by no means would they do it quietly. There was always much conversation and laughter as the family grew closer together by sharing a meal together.

A typical Christmas feast started with home-made tomato juice stored in huge champagne bottles in the cold cellar. Dinner always included turkey with a potato stuffing, *des boulettes* (ground pork meatballs covered in pork drippings), *tortière* (veal and beef pie), cranberries, red and green chow made with pear and cauliflower, and "of course", *cornichons*. "No French Canadian dinner is complete without all the pickles, tons of pickles," says Mrs. Sharpley, who can almost make you taste the invisible food. Although when she's entertaining she'll make "decadent" desserts like Kahlua Mud Pie, at Christmas an old favourite is home-made pie.

Today, Mrs. Sharpley works hard to keep the traditions alive for her husband and two sons.

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In the midst of an already busy season, JoAnne Sharpley makes time to prepare hors d'oeuvres for a church function with her son Justin, centre, and his friend Jeff Wilson

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Justin and Jonathan. Although she works at the family sports store in Haliburton, teaches aerobics, takes part in her church's Christmas events, follows her sons' busy hockey schedule and hosts Justin's birthday party on the 23rd, she still finds time to fill her home with the sights and smells of Christmas. Every second year, she has her entire family home for Christmas, and this year, it's the Sharpleys' turn to go to her parents in Hull, where her mother is busily preparing the meals. Unfortunately, the New Year's visits to her grandparents can only be savoured in her memory, but even the memories are rich enough to last a lifetime.

It's a special time. In the afternoon, everyone will sit down to play games with each other, young and old trying to outdo each other. They will stay up until the small hours of the morning getting caught up on their news. Their conversation will break all speed limits, the house will be quiet only during those few hours when everyone sleeps.

It's Christmas, and JoAnne Sharpley wouldn't have it any other way.

If this story has you in the mood for a little Quebecois cooking, here are some of Mrs. Sharpley's down home recipes

TORTIERES (5 to 6 pies)

In a big yellow pot mix:
3 lbs ground veal
3 lbs ground pork
2 cups chopped onions
1 1/2 cups water
5 tsp salt
1 1/2 tsp pepper

Cook on low heat till pink colour is gone but still moist. When cooked, put pot of meat in fridge overnight. On the next day: Fill pie crust with meat. Moisten crust edges and put top crust on pie. Cook at 425° until golden. Let cool and freeze. When ready to eat, cook at 425° for 15 minutes, turn down to 375° for 45 minutes

BOULETTES (approx. 25)

Mix in salt, pepper and parsley with 2 lbs ground pork. Make balls bigger than you want them, because they'll shrink when cooked. roll balls in flour to cover. Place balls in a cold electric frying pan. Cook for about 15 minutes. They are done when no longer pink inside. Take balls out of pan, pour off fat. Add a little water to the scraps on bottom. Stir and pour sauce over balls and freeze. When ready to cook, pour one container of Graisse de rôti (pork roast dripping but without the fat) over the balls in pot. In a bottle mix 2 tbsp chicken bouillon powder and two cups water and pour into pot. Thicken with 5 tbsp of flour mixed in one cup water. Add a Kitchen Bouquet store bottle. Bring to a boil to thicken gravy and then serve.

KETCHUP ROUGE

12 large tomatoes
3 onions
2 red peppers
1 cup cauliflower
2 cups brown sugar
1 bag spices (1 tsp.)
4 apples
2 green peppers
2 stalks celery
8 oz vinegar
1 tsp coarse salt

Peel tomatoes and cut in small pieces. Cut all vegetables and fruits and put in large pot. Season. Cook 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Put in bottles and store in cool place.

TARTE AU SUCRE (Sugar Pie)

2 cups brown sugar
4 tsp flour
1 tbsp butter
1 tbsp corn syrup
1 cup milk

Cook in pot on stove, boil for 3 minutes, pour in pie crust. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes



Christmas is a time for family and food at the Sharpley home, where French and English traditions mix as easily as the generations

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by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

ONE OF GEORGE HAMILTON'S retirement projects was to get involved in his community. Eight years later, he has been awarded the honour of 1993 Stanhope Citizen of the Year because his volunteer work almost became a second career.

The distinction is "awarded to the person who has given unselfishly of his or her time and talent towards the betterment of the community in the spirit of good neighbourliness."

Mr. Hamilton says his efforts are only one small part of what makes Stanhope such a terrific place to live.

"There are so many other deserving candidates," Mr. Hamilton said on Saturday, a week after Stanhope Reeve Fred Gardner presented him with the award at the annual municipal Christmas party. He's relaxing in the living room of his North Shore Road home, nibbling on the delicious Christmas cookies his wife Marjorie has baked that afternoon.

He keeps active partly because it's far too easy to do the opposite, but more importantly because of the "personal satisfaction you get from doing something for your municipality."

"I don't think any municipality can afford all the services they'd like, and if they did provide them, you wouldn't want to pay for it! So this is a way of making all those little extra things possible."

Stanhope's presentation says Mr. Hamilton:

- reflects a "good neighbour" attitude to everyone in the community, often driving neighbours to appointments and meetings
- planned and organized recreational bingo for

many years, helping to raise \$25,000 to promote other recreational activities and facilities in the municipality

- volunteers annually to file tax returns for seniors at no charge (last year he did 70 of them "and I only make mistakes on my own")
- helped during various Stanhope Fun Days
- was an executive member of Stanhope's Seniors' Social Club for many years
- until recently was a member of Stanworth Non-profit Housing Corporation
- and generally exemplifies on a daily basis the spirit of good neighbourliness and contributes unselfishly to many volunteer community causes.

Many people also remember Mr. Hamilton from those days when he worked for a living (or at least was paid for the work he did.) From 1974 until his retirement in 1985, he was the director of the Frost Centre, turning it from an

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George Hamilton holds the plaque which recognizes him as "a person who has given unselfishly of his time and talent towards the betterment of the community"

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"I don't think any municipality can afford all the things they'd like," says Stanhope's top citizen, George Hamilton. "So volunteering is a way to make all these little things possible"

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abandoned Forest Ranger School into an educational facility that Stanhope and the province can be proud of.

He had completed his own forestry education in New Brunswick, where he met his wife Marjorie, who was a nurse. (When his career brought them to Northern Ontario, she continued with nursing but like her husband's later volunteer work, her only payment was the satisfaction of helping her neighbours.) With their three children - Rod, Marjie and Don - in tow, they moved from northern town to northern town, following the provincial dictum that you shouldn't stay in one community for more than five years (although they were to be in Sudbury for nine, and the Frost Centre for 11.) From him, he was back in the country he loved, having grown up in a small town called Markstay just

east of Sudbury.

The Hamiltons were more than a little excited when he was given the challenge of carving a new identity for the St. Nora's Lake facility, whose role had become redundant when Sir Sandford Fleming College opened its forestry school in Lindsay. He had been working at the Ministry of Land and Forests' head office in Toronto and while the first two years there were exciting, they had both grown tired of city life and longed to escape north again. Some of his co-workers wondered why he would want to go back into the field, but for him it was the perfect way to round off a stimulating and fulfilling career.

He opened up the facility as an innovative outdoor and natural education centre, hiring staff who brought their own expertise and enthusiasm to their jobs. In its heyday - funding restraints

have curtailed some activities today - there was a waiting list of teachers who wanted to bring students up to this idyllic school away from school. The Hamiltons lived on the lake and while this meant there was always someone knocking on their door, it was a life they loved.

When he retired without fanfare (as requested) in 1985, the Hamiltons had to find a new home. They love the north and its winters, but now that they were older, not winters that seemed to drag on for half the year. Stanhope was at the perfect latitude, allowing them an easy escape route to the city and southern vacations, but letting them continue to enjoy winter. (This winter they've decided to stay put because they miss the snow - whatever snow there will be this year.)

They had two retirement projects once they finished building their house on Beech Lake. The first was to pursue his interest in flying. They had a float plane but after one disastrous trip to New Brunswick where apart from the ocean there aren't many places to land, they were happy to stay closer to the ground.

The second project was to get involved in

Stanhope life. His father had been a railwayman and reeve in Markstay and while his son shared none of the political ambitions, he did feel called upon to contribute to his community's social wellbeing. As he says, with the wealth of things to do and friends to meet, Stanhope certainly makes it possible to become very, very involved.

Stanhope is very much like many northern communities, the Hamiltons say. Most of the residents are "expatriates", people who have spent most of their life somewhere else. Now that they've decided to settle in a new place, they don't have that long-established network of friends and activities. So they have to get together and make their own. "If you don't," they say, "you're going to be left sitting at home."

So it is that the Hamiltons now have many people they call friends and their social calendar could be filled every day of the week. In fact, Mr. Hamilton finds it ironic that he was given the Citizen of the Year award just as he was beginning to slow down. After many years of responsibilities and commitments, he's "retiring" from many of his volunteer executives. But they still plan to be active participants in Stanhope's often frenetic social life.

"Social interaction is very important for older people," says Mr. Hamilton, who says that everything he's done, his wife has been there helping him. "They need that exposure or contact. Without that we'd all be pretty dull. Even going to shuffleboard, it's something on the calendar, something you're doing with other people."

"People are so great along here," adds his wife.

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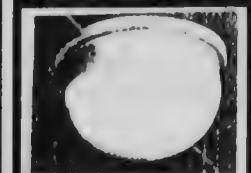
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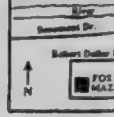
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Saturday we had lovely piano music played by Glenna Beckhan. It is appreciated very much.

Sunday afternoon Estella Burch read for us. In the evening Rev. John Burgess had the Chapel Service. I'm very sorry I can't remember who played

the organ, but we certainly thank you.

Monday was Hyland Crest auxiliary's meeting. There was a large number of members present and as usual, they were planning things for our benefit and enjoyment.

Tuesday, instead of the regular Chapel Service, a memorial service was held in memory of two residents who had passed away. Mr.

Garnet Ash and Mr. Robert Mitchell. Rev. Peter Walford-Davis conducted the service and Robert Mitchell's granddaughter gave the Eulogy in honour of her grandfather. This is the first memorial service we have had at Hyland Crest. I am sure everyone involved felt it was something we have needed for a long time and hope it continues.

In the afternoon we made Christmas decorations aided by Dottie Muirhead and that evening Corinne Arsenault helped a few residents play cards. Thank you Corinne and Dottie. It is people like you who helps us pass the time much happier.

Wednesday was a quiet day but in the evening the grandfathers came for music in the Trillium Lounge - Bill Payne, Eldon Deacon and Don White. It was a happy evening.

The tea party on Thursday was provided by the Lydia Group of the United Church women - Elva Deacon, Mabel Deacon, Jean Cox, Bea Berry and Betty Hershey. Pat Scott made sure so many who could come got to the auditorium. Jean Cox accompanied our tea with pleasant piano music. The ladies served a delicious tea.

Leslie Schell (Uncle Dudley) and Sid Cooper were the entertainers for Happy Hour, with Doris at the piano. The residents really enjoy this music and songs.

The activity department is greatly in need of volunteers to help in any capacity. If you have a little time (days or evenings) Please get in touch with Doris Robertson-Alton, 286-2140. Our thanks to all the kind and helpful people mentioned above.



TIME OUT FOR SHOPPING: Bruce and Brooke Wilson of Willow Beach take a look at all the crafts the County Kinfolk Craft Sale on Saturday at the Haliburton Legion. They were here to take part in the Atom tournament.

Christmas tree tips promote safety

The Winter issue of the Canadian Standards Association "CSA+ The Consumer" offers some excellent tips to use when purchasing a tree for Christmas.

First and foremost is to think fresh, green and moist when buying and caring for a natural tree. Test the tree for freshness by tapping the base on the ground or pulling lightly on a limb. If many needles fall off or can be easily pulled off, the tree is too dry. Before setting up the tree, trim two inches off the stem diagonally so it can absorb water. Mount the tree securely in a large reservoir stand and maintain the water level above the diagonal cut.

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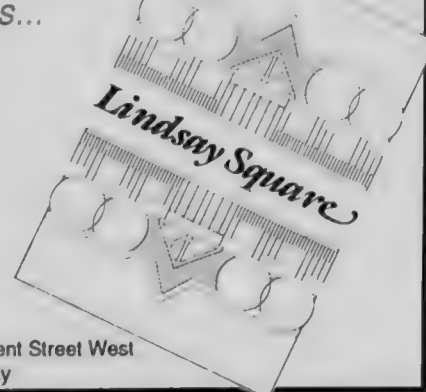
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The West Guilford Baptist men's breakfast, a

monthly event also happened on Sat. Dec. 4 with Richard Fielding and Paul Thompson as cooks and the event itself in the care of Paul Benson, the Minister. For the eleven who attended it was a most enjoyable time.

The Baptist Church is also the setting for the Christmas Concert at 7:30 on Dec. 19. All are welcome.

We wish a good recovery to Murray Scott, to Ray Sisson, Doreen Lewis, Derek Rolfe, Peggy Barry and to Jean Carr who have each had to have hospital treatment just lately.

This might be an oppor-

tune time to mention the nine main services of Home Support at 457-2941 available to the community: Meals on Wheels, Wheels to Meals, Friendly Visiting, Fone-a-Friend, Home Help, Transportation (local or out-of-town), Alzheimer's Support, Emergency Response system, Social Recreational Services.

MINDEN & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB presents

CHRISTMAS BINGO

\$1000.00 GUARANTEED POT MUST GO!

also dozens of prizes including hams, fruit baskets and more!

This Thursday, December 16
in the **Community Centre (upstairs)**

doors open at 6:00pm regular games begin 7:15pm
early bird special - 7pm • ½ proceeds go to the Minden Food Bank

Note: Regular BINGO starts again on Jan. 6th

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your Auto Insurance Changes on January 1, 1994

If you are injured in a car accident on or after January 1, 1994, you are automatically entitled to new, enhanced accident benefits from your insurance company.

- You are entitled to an income replacement of 90 per cent of your net income, up to a maximum of \$1,000 weekly, and up to \$1 million in necessary medical and rehabilitation benefits.
- If you are not working at the time of the accident, but suffer injuries that prevent you from pursuing employment or affect ability to lead a normal life, you are entitled to benefits.

If you are seriously injured and another driver is judged at fault, you can sue for pain and suffering. A deductible of \$10,000 will apply to any award given as compensation.

Your insurance company will provide you with more information on the new auto insurance system, either when you renew your insurance or if you have to make a claim.

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NOTICES

TIPS ON FIRE SAFETY

STOP, DROP AND ROLL

If your clothes catch on fire, **don't run**. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs, and roll over and over to smother the flames. Everyone should know this rule.

STOP, DROP AND ROLL



Municipality
of Dysart et al

NOTICE

The **DYSART MUNICIPAL OFFICE**
Haliburton, Ontario
will be **CLOSED**
from December 24th at noon until
January 3, 1994

We will **REOPEN** JANUARY 4th, 1994

The Dysart Roads Department will continue to provide regular and emergency winter road maintenance service throughout the holiday period.



TENDER CALL

Registry Office Renovations
SEALED tenders on forms supplied by the County will be received by the undersigned until 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11, 1994

for the following renovations of the Registry Office building:

- conversion of existing washroom to provide for handicapped access
- installation of new double steel doors accessing the Registry Office
- upgrade staff washrooms, including replacement doors & vinyl flooring
- renovations of east side entrance

SPECIFICATIONS and tender forms may be obtained from the offices of the undersigned.

A **CERTIFIED** cheque, not less than 15% of the amount specified as the total tender amount, must accompany each tender bid, to be held by the Corporation pending successful completion of the renovation project.

TENDERS will be opened publicly at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 1994, in the offices of the County Roads Department, County Building, Newcastle Street, MINDEN.

THE LOWEST or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Ernest A. Hills
Acting C.A.O.

NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF STANHOPE
MUNICIPAL OFFICE
CLOSING

In an effort to meet the Municipal Social Contract Target imposed by the Provincial Government in 1993, it is necessary to close the Municipal Office between **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1993 AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1994.**

Your co-operation is appreciated



Municipality of
Dysart et al

NOTICE

ALL LANDFILL SITES

in the

MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

will be **CLOSED:**

CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY

AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

All Sites (Excluding West Bay)

Will be **OPEN**

Monday, DECEMBER 27, 1993

January 3rd, 1994

from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

and

ALL OTHER REGULAR HOURS.

West Bay will be Closing after Thursday,

December 30, 1993 until April 30, 1994.



Municipal
of Dysart et al

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 10th, 1994, a By-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 4, Concession 1, in the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID parcel or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by Greg Bishop, Ontario Land Surveyor, and dated October 20th, 1993, said plan being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario. Part 1 on the said preliminary plan is proposed to be conveyed to the abutting land owner.

BEFORE passing the said By-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said By-law and who applied to the Planning Administrator to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 26th day of November, 1993.

Patricia E. Martin,
B.E.S., M.C.I.P.,
Planning Administrator

THE ECHO
457-1037

SOCIAL CONTRACT AND
HOLIDAY CLOSURE INFORMATION

Due to the Social Contract, all college buildings will be closed to the public from **December 20 to 24**. All campuses will also be closed from **December 25 to January 2**, as is customary during the holiday week. The closures will not affect vocational training which is being conducted off-site during these periods. This notice pertains to the following locations:

Cobourg: Lakeshore Campus is closed.

Haliburton: Haliburton Campus is closed.

Lindsay: All buildings, including recreational facilities at the School of Natural Resources, Frost Campus, are closed.

Peterborough: All college buildings and campuses in Peterborough are closed, including recreational facilities. Please note that the pool will also be closed the week of December 13 to 17 for maintenance, and will reopen on January 3, 1994.

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THE TOWNSHIP OF MONMOUTH

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONMOUTH TO STOP UP, CLOSE, CONVEY AND SELL PART OF THE ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD, BETWEEN CONCESSIONS XII AND XIII IN FRONT OF LOT 17, TOWNSHIP OF MONMOUTH, COUNTY OF HALIBURTON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Act, that the Council of the Township of Monmouth proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario, on Monday, February 14th, 1994, at 8:00 p.m., a By-law to stop up, close, convey and sell part of the original allowance for road between Concession XII and XIII in front of Lot 17, and more particularly described as Parts 2 and 3 on 19R-5802.

Which said parcel or tract of land is illustrated shown in heavy outline on a plan of survey by Harry Curry Bishop Limited, Ontario Land Surveyors, dated September 25, 1993 and available for inspection at the Township Office of the Township of Monmouth at Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-law at its meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipal Council of the Township of Monmouth shall then and there hear in person or by his Counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said By-law and who applied to be heard.

DATED at Wilberforce, Ontario this 23rd day of November, 1993.

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REQUEST FOR TRAINING PROPOSALS
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FOR THE DESIGN AND DELIVERY OF
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Proposal Documents and Specifications will be available on request from:

Sir Sandford Fleming College
Purchasing Department,
526 McDonnell St., Room 126,
Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 7B1

Fleming's Career House
77 Durham St. West,
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 2P7

Haliburton County Employment Services
(behind Stedman's Mall, York Street)
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

PLEASE NOTE: The College and Career House will be Closed from December 17, 1993 until January 3, 1994.

We are inviting qualified training agencies to submit proposals for the design and delivery of the Job Skills for the 90's (Where do you go from Here?) program in either Victoria or Haliburton County.

Sealed proposals will be accepted only at Career House, 77 Durham Street West, Lindsay, Ontario until 12:00 noon, Monday, January 3, 1994 at which time they will be opened in public by the Purchasing Representative, Anne Curtis.

THE LOWEST OR ANY PROPOSAL NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.

The College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Sandy Lawrence, (705) 749-5530, Ext. 2325, or Zita Devan, (705) 328-1766.

Sir Sandford Fleming College is dedicated to equitable employment practices. We encourage all to take an active role in achieving the goals of employment equity.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS: Whitney Muenzel (below) decorates a gingerbread man and Rachel Regina makes a Santa in their class at Victoria Street School in Haliburton last week.



School's concert promises to be fun

Dorset
Phyllis Briscoe - 766-2237

Greetings to Rylan Villard, Donald McEachern, and wee Thomas Keown who are celebrating birthdays.

The annual Christmas concert held by the Dorset Elementary school will take place on Thursday Dec. 16th at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the Dorset Recreation Centre.

If anyone would care to help with costumes for the concert, they may call the school.

The Dorset Policing Committee will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Dorset Recreation Centre. One topic of interest that will be discussed will be citizens' power of arrest. This meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome.

The Christmas school holiday runs from Dec. 18th to Jan. 2nd. The last

day of school will be Dec. 17 and the first day of school in January '94 will be the 3rd.

The delights of having a 6-1/2 year old in the home are too numerous to count: playing games that one has forgotten ever existed; becoming aware of how the modern school operates; and what little people are interested in, all of these things being not too different than they were some generations ago. The children appear to be more out going, and know a great deal more than we did as children. Of course, they are exposed to the outer world so much more through T.V. and being taken out in public by parents from the time they are babies, which I think is great and consequently children are not self-conscious or inhibited. I had my great-niece, Brianna for a visit on the weekend

and thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with her. She visits me periodically and it always is a bright spot to cheer one up during the cloudy weather. David and Karen's other children, Devon and Serena, are still too young to visit an aging aunt, but Brianna has been a visitor since babyhood, a bright spot indeed.

We send get well wishes to Mary Johnson, who at present is in Huntsville Hospital. Mary has had a prolonged illness with one of those nasty viruses that have plagued quite a few members of the community.

May Moore, of Kawagama Lake, is recuperating at home, having had surgery earlier on. We wish the best and hope she will soon be back to the best of health.

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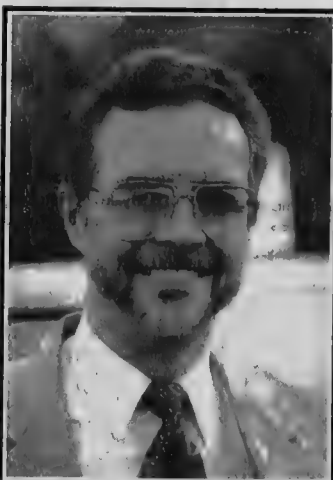
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HALIBURTON LAKE - 2 lots for the price of one! 207 ft. waterfront looking west. Sand shore. 3 bedrm. cottage in rugged, private setting getaway! \$119,450. VA915

FANTASTIC SUNSET VIEW and perfect level lot with sand beach attracts one to this bright and spacious 3 bedrm. cottage with bunkie. Perfect for young children and the elderly. \$139,900. VA995

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GULL LAKE - Old Hwy. #35 and Pineridge Road, 7,000 sq. ft. modern 1 storey home or cottage. Finished in pine, formerly Pineridge Resort. Asking \$330,000. RE971

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VACANT LAND

2.7 ACRE BUILDING LOT with hydro available on Tamarack Lake road close to Gooderham. \$10,000. L01145

BUILDING LOT - Nicely treed, level, fronts on year round road. Nice neighbourhood. Asking \$13,000. L01169

ACCESS TO DRAG LAKE via Outlet Bay, this vacant lot is well treed and close to Haliburton Village. A flooded bay most of the year provides some waterfront and access by canoe to the lake. \$13,900. L0925

WELL TREED BUILDING LOT on yr. rnd. road near public park and access to Big and Little Glamour Lakes. Septic approval. Hydro and phone available. \$14,000. L01075

BUILDING LOT well treed, on year round road near Drag Lake. \$14,500. L01113

BUILDING LOT - Level lot, nicely treed in Irondale. Vendor willing to hold mortgage with low down. Investing or building, don't pass this one by. \$15,500. L01173

\$16,900.! A .71 acre vacant lot with DEEDED ACCESS to Miskwabi Lake just steps away. This lot is level, driveway installed, south exposure and on a year round, township maintained road. Access lot is gently sloping and features a beautiful waterfront. L0927

3.66 ACRES with 200' of frntge. on yr. rnd. rd. Nicely treed, faces west. Located centrally between Minden & Haliburton. Close to lakes, marina and golfing. Asking \$24,900. L0987

CHALET LOT - Gently rolling land with coniferous and hardwood. Choice lot with great terms and a great price. \$25,900. L01115

HWY. 121 AND PINESTONE - Prime building lot with mature hardwood trees, s. exp., plus entrance & septic approvals. Located close to ski trails, golfing, lake & village. \$28,000. L01167

GOING TO BUILD? - Check this exceptional building lot. Good drainage. Super location. Asking \$38,950. L01101

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ACREAGE

ACREAGE PARCEL - 33 acres of land with 331 feet of frntge. Close to town. Priced to sell at \$17,900. AC687

40 ACRES ON PETERSON TRAIL - Priced to sell at \$25,000. AC657

ACREAGE - 100 acres near Hwy. #118 just west of Haliburton. Beautifully treed. Plus a couple of yr. rnd. creeks. \$25,000. AC653

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WELL TREED ACREAGE - Close to town. We have a 25 acre parcel with driveway in. Listed at \$39,900. Try an offer. AC661

ACREAGE - 40 acres near Hwy. #118 just west of Haliburton. Beautifully treed with severance potential into 12 x 2 to 3 acre lots. Yr. rnd. access off township R.O.W. from Northwood Road. \$50,000. AC669

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VACANT WATERFRONT

OUTLET BAY - DRAG LAKE - Lakefront lot with southern exposure. Vendor wants an offer. \$29,000. List price. L01139

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AFFORDABLE LAKEFRONT LOT on motorless lake. Well treed, pretty setting. Year round access. Only \$49,000. L0985

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STORMY LAKE: 3 bedrm. cottage, excellent view. Hard sand shoreline. Attractive setting with lge. boulder rock. New roof, new septic. Good docks. \$104,900. Call Blanche Bolender.

STORMY LAKE: 4 season cottage/waterfront home. 2 fireplaces. Drilled well, completely winterized. Full basement. Gentle lot with sandy shoreline. Year round access. Just listed at \$154,900. Call Lynn Craigmyle.

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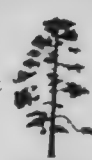
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the dinner was super delicious.

The Seniors would like to thank Roberta Walsh and Doris Weymouth who cooked this meal and to the Pathfinders who did such a great job of serving it. Thanks also to everyone who helped make this evening so enjoyable.

Over the holidays the services at the United Church in Wilberforce and Gooderham will be as follows: December 19th in Gooderham at 10 a.m. In Wilberforce at 11:30 a.m. The Community Carol is also on the 19th at the United Church in Wilberforce at 7:30. On December there will be a Watchnight service at 10:00 p.m. with carol singing at the Wilberforce United church and on January 2nd the regular services will be held at Gooderham at 10 a.m. and in Wilberforce at

11:30 a.m.

St. Margaret's Anglican Church are having their service at 10 a.m. on December 25th and at 9:15 a.m. on December 26th. On January 2nd the service will be at 9:15 a.m. Agnew's General Store will be open on Sunday Dec. 12 and 19th from 10 until 4 o'clock. They will close at 4:30 on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31st. They will be closed on Dec. 25/26. They will also be closed on Jan. 1 and 2. The IGA will be open from 9/4 on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st.

will be open on Jan. 2nd from 9/4. Be sure to get your holiday reading in. The Library will be open on Thurs. Dec. 23rd. and will re-open on January 4th at the regular time.

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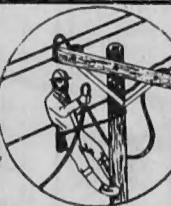
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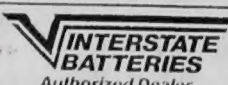
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Resume Wed. 5/94
with new game format.

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Branch 624, Wilberforce
- BINGO -
Every Monday, 7:30 p.m.
DARTS
Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
AT LLOYD WATSON CENTRE
HOLIDAY NOTICES
There will be no
General meeting in December.
• December 24 closed at 5:00 p.m.
• December 25 closed.
NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION
December 31.
Drop in and visit us on the
weekends (Saturday and Sunday).
All Welcome.

Merry Christmas
from



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MONDAY DEC. 20
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Is coming! FEB. 11, 12 & 13

Many events have been scheduled to date
(NEW IDEAS WELCOME)
and we need some volunteers from Haliburton County to make this weekend a success.
This event will be held on Head Lake (Rotary Park Area)
Please call 457-1037 days or 457-3382 nights if you wish to help.
Full details of events available.

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 129
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
FRIDAY DECEMBER 31 8pm
Door Prize Spot Dance
Hot & Cold Buffet
Music by Gary & Lori Peters
\$25.00 per couple
ALL MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST WELCOME

280 COMING EVENTS

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts' **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE** continues at the Rails' End Gallery offering a wide selection of unique hand crafted gifts:
Knitting, weaving, woodworking, painting, pottery, jewellery, and much more
Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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310 NOTICES

BALLET/CREATIVE DANCE CLASSES
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FOR INFORMATION
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489-4513

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For the Theatre buff in your life, a gift certificate from the **Highlands Little Theatre**.
Certificate includes:
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All for only \$15. Preferred seating per show is limited. Call now until Dec. 19th, 457-1235 or 457-3112 after 6:00 p.m.

ROAD CLOSING: The right-of-way through Lot 8, Conc. 1, Dysart, to Morgan Estates will be closed to all traffic for 24 hours from 12 noon, December 18, 1993. Ethel M. Clarke.

310 NOTICES

GIVE SOMEONE A MASSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS.
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320 PERSONAL

This novena can be recited for nine days or for twenty four days.
My Novena Rose Prayer
O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love.
O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God today to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands...
(Mention specific requests)
St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did, in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.

Amen A.

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330 THANK YOU

A SPECIAL THANKS to Karen Perrot for hosting a Tupperware display on our behalf and to those who attended. **Robert, Debra, Marlene and Ashley Lambe.**

340 BIRTHS

OUTRAM - Kelly Outram and his Mom and Dad (Joe & Cathy) would like to announce the safe arrival of **JACOB DANIEL**
on December 7, 1993, weighing in at 8 lbs. 12 ozs.

380 ANNIVERSARIES

OPEN HOUSE
in celebration of the
65th Wedding Anniversary
of
HARRY & LORETTA HENDERSON
December 18, 2-4 p.m.
at Parklane Apts., Haliburton
(in the Lounge)
All friends and family welcome.
Best wishes only.

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
GLADYS W. CAMPBELL, a resident of R.R.#3, Kent Bridge, died suddenly at her home on Wednesday, December 1, 1993 in her 65th year. Born in Chatham, Ontario, daughter of the late Thomas R. Huffman and the former Lyda V. Cudmore. Mrs. Campbell retired from H.H. M. Public School in 1982 and was a member of the Howard Road Botany United Church. Beloved wife of Lloyd D. Campbell, dear mother of Sheila (Mrs. Ron Stackhouse) of Haliburton, Sandra (Mrs. Ron Fysh) of R.R.#3 Kent Bridge, Janet (Mrs. Dwight Sisson) of West Guilford and Sharon Campbell-Rayment (Mrs. Douglas) of R.R.#2 Kent Bridge. Dear Grandmother of Matthew, Aaron, Kristen, Brandon, Jonathan, Jillian, Jordan and Megan. The Campbell Family received friends at the McKinlay Funeral Home, Ridgeway on Friday, (Dec. 3rd) 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service conducted at the funeral home on Saturday (Dec. 4) at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Ronald Pritchard officiating. Interment at

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390 DEATH NOTICES

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the Botany Cemetery, Howard Twp. Pallbearers were Ron Stackhouse, Ron Fysh, Dwight Sisson, Doug Rayment, Michael Campbell, Colin Campbell. During the service, words of remembrance were given by a daughter, Sharon Campbell-Rayment and the hymns "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art" were played on the organ by Mrs. Jack Robertson.

400 IN MEMORIAM

HUMENIUK, MARY - In memory of our mother who passed away December 19, 1982. Memories are like threads of gold. They never tarnish, or grow old. Always remembered, Olga, Bob, Joan and Dan.

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400 IN MEMORIAM

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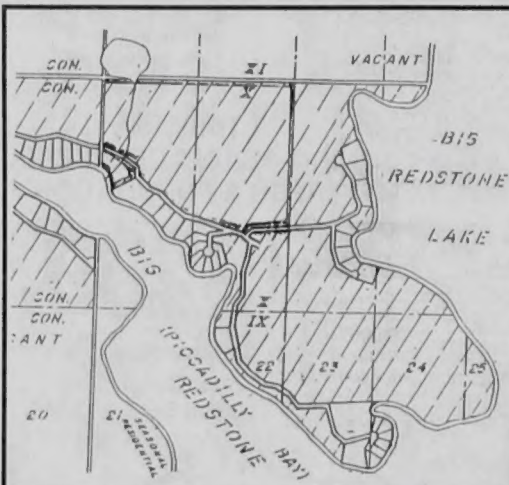
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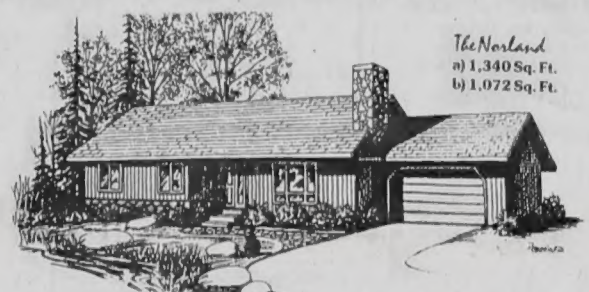


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